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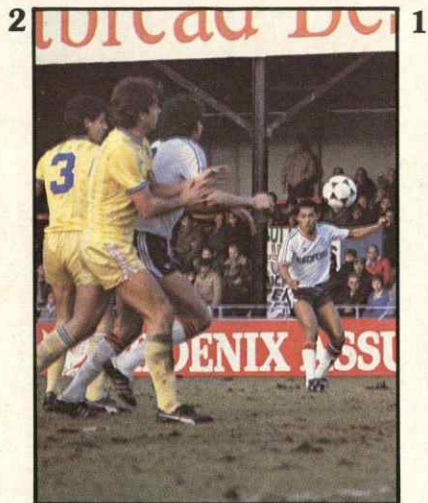
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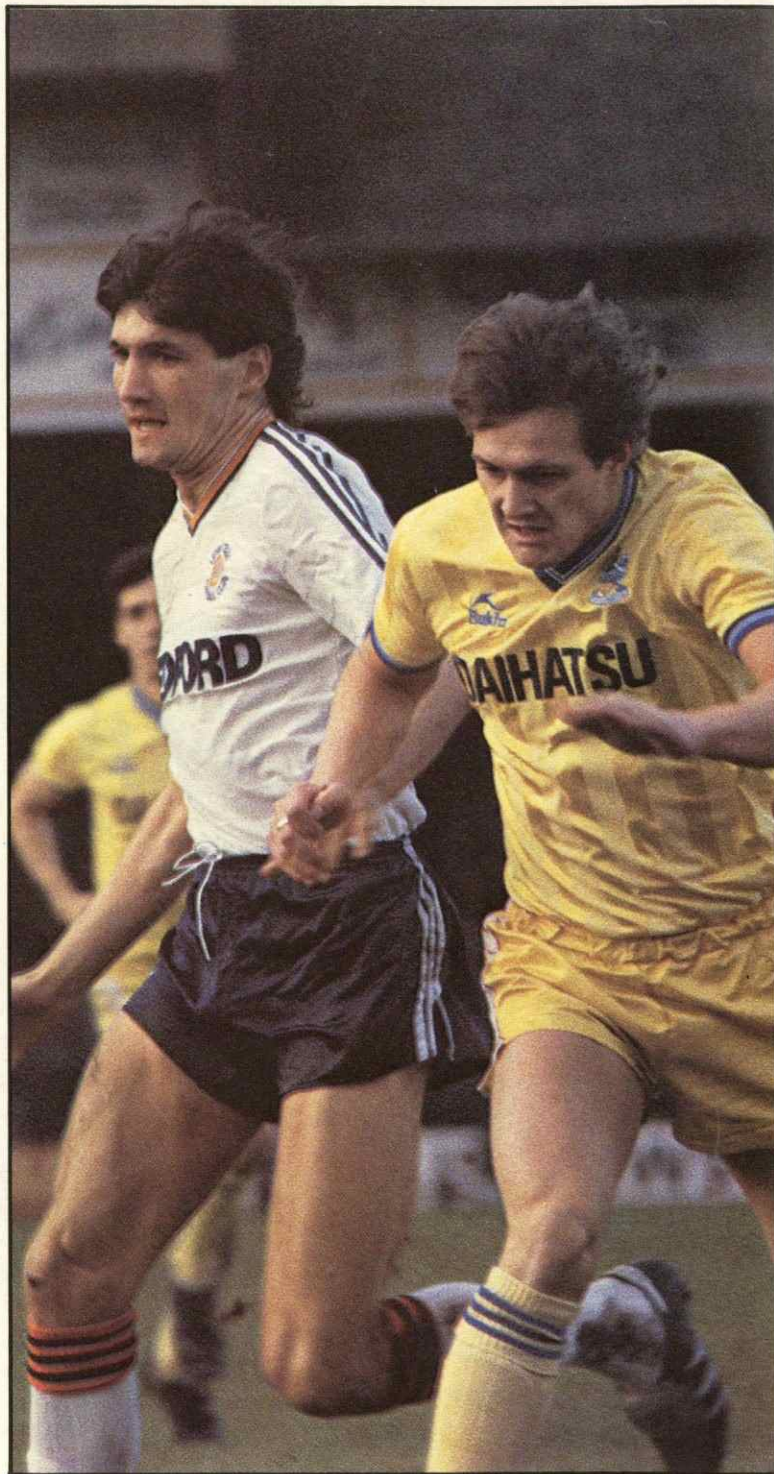
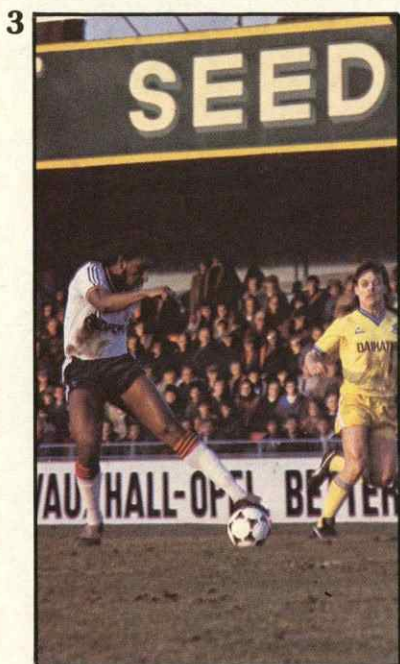
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ACTION REPLAY



THE HATTERS 2 THE TERRIERS 0

- 1 Town striker Mick Harford competing for possession in a first-half attack.
- 2 Huddersfield defence under pressure from Town stars Brian Stein and Mick Harford.
- 3 Ricky Hill hits a superb half volley which just screams past Huddersfield Town's far post.



Welcome Tottenham. I hope at the end of today's game we will all have been pleased with the entertainment provided. As the season progresses winning and losing seem more critical as the likelihood of promotions or demotions appear nearer. With three points for a win successive good results can change outlooks overnight. When we began the season we knew we would have our work cut out this season to achieve success because we lacked sufficient depth. Unfortunately injuries jeopardised our position further. Fortunately the help offered by our newly constructed Board has helped ease the problems of those set-backs. But we still have to produce outstanding results to stay with the elite. All the hard work is before us.

Our past games with Spurs have always produced some class football without the 'midfield mash' that dominates many English games. It is always a pleasure to watch Spurs as they have the balance of determination work and craft. Their performance last Sunday against the odds with injured players would suggest to me that they have the necessary steel to maintain their Championship challenge. I am also pleased for Peter Shreeves that he has taken a difficult job in his stride and calmly steered them to League and European success.

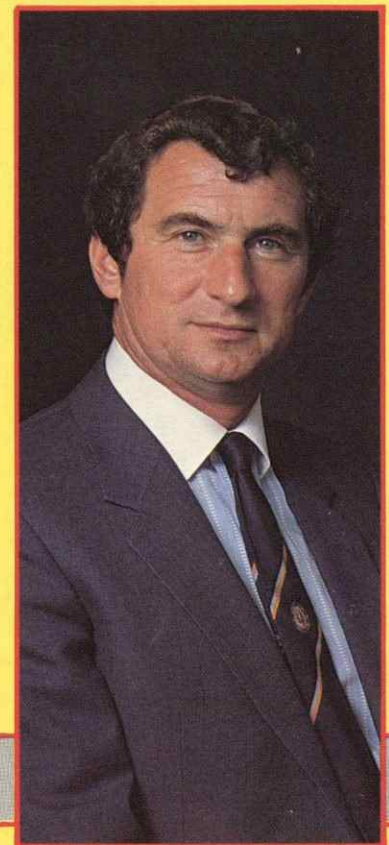
Today's game is being covered by BBC television and I believe our Scandinavian friends will also be viewing live. It is for this reason that I trust the highest standards of

substitute for the real thing but we are all determined to progress the club to a position where we are amongst the best and win a route to international recognition by our own efforts in domestic competitions.

The treatment room is still overcrowded but John Sheridan is rehabilitating Ashley Grimes to fitness — Andy Dibble and Rob Johnson are playing again — Paul Elliott is progressing. Our main concern at present is Frank Bunn who has been troubled by a stomach strain and John Findlay who has a troublesome shoulder injury.

Meanwhile the injury situation has given some of our youngsters first-team opportunities which they have taken well. I am pleased with the form of Tim Breacker — Mitchell Thomas now has 40 first-team games under his belt — Gary Parker has shown a First Division footballing brain and Ray Daniel is using his pace and endeavours to good advantage.

On Monday we added an experienced player to our squad who has the qualities of leadership and experience that will help encourage the younger element. Peter Nicolas has 34 caps for his country and is a determined professional and a winner. We wish him every success in his move to Luton — like Steve Foster, Mick Harford and David Preece he will have every opportunity to enjoy his football in a new environment. I am sure all our supporters will make him very welcome. Peter is married with three



WELCOME

Football League skill and sportsmanship will shine through.

Only recently we played a very competitive friendly in Iceland and I am sure that we gained some admirers there with our football and our diplomacy. We have only just recovered from the cold — when the idea was first put to me the weather charts suggested they were enjoying spring-like conditions. When we played the temperature plummeted but we managed to score three goals within the 90 minutes. With our changeover of players it is important that we learn to live together and this trip helped considerably.

Friendly games in Europe is a pleasant

children and has played to a very high standard this season at Crystal Palace. During his career he has been coached by such highly rated people as Terry Venables, Malcolm Allison and Don Howe. I will be expecting some of that influence to shine through in his performances here and I will be expecting high standards.

The recent poor weather and our exciting Cup draw with Watford has meant that our fixture list has been disrupted. We will now play Nottingham Forest on 12th March regardless if my friend Mr Clough is on holiday and we have yet to arrange Norwich City (home), Stoke City (away) and Watford (away). I believe we have an interesting

season ahead and I hope that today we can begin a run of success that will keep Luton Town where they belong.

Enjoy the game and support the players.

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PAUL RIDEOUT

SCENE ONE



IAN RUSH

There was only one match played in the Division last week because most of the clubs were involved in the FA Cup. West Bromwich Albion played Queens Park Rangers at the Hawthorns but neither side came out of the game with any satisfaction and neither sets of supporters or players will want to remember this one. The home side were taunted with jeers of 'Rub-bish' by their own fans towards the end of the game as the Rangers had the edge and Gary Bannister had a chance to snatch victory in the final 10 minutes as he was allowed a free header from a Robbie James cross but he could only watch in despair as the ball hit the underside of the crossbar and rebounded to safety.

The recent bad weather has caused clubs a fixture pile up and in the games that we played a week before we last saw Aston Villa win away from home for only the second time this season. Even then their match at Coventry was one of only three games played because of the weather. Goals from Mark Walters who hit the net twice and Paul Rideout saw Villa home by three goals to nil. Liverpool moved into the top six with an impressive four nil win over the Canaries of Norwich, Ian Rush was again on target with two goals and John Wark and Kenny Dalglish rounded off the scoring. A crowd of 30,627 proved that the money paid by Liverpool on under-

soil heating has paid off for them. The other game saw Chelsea and Arsenal draw the London derby one goal each with Speedie scoring for the home side and Mariner for the Gunners. Chelsea paid out nearly £10,000 in their efforts to beat the big freeze and the pitch was a credit to the ground staff at Stamford Bridge and chairman Ken Bates insisted on all of them taking a bow before the kick-off. Their hard work paid off because 34,752 fans turned up to watch the game and put £125,000 into the home side's bank account. Arm-chair supporters were also disap-



MARK WALTERS

pointed because the scheduled live match between Watford and Manchester United was called off.

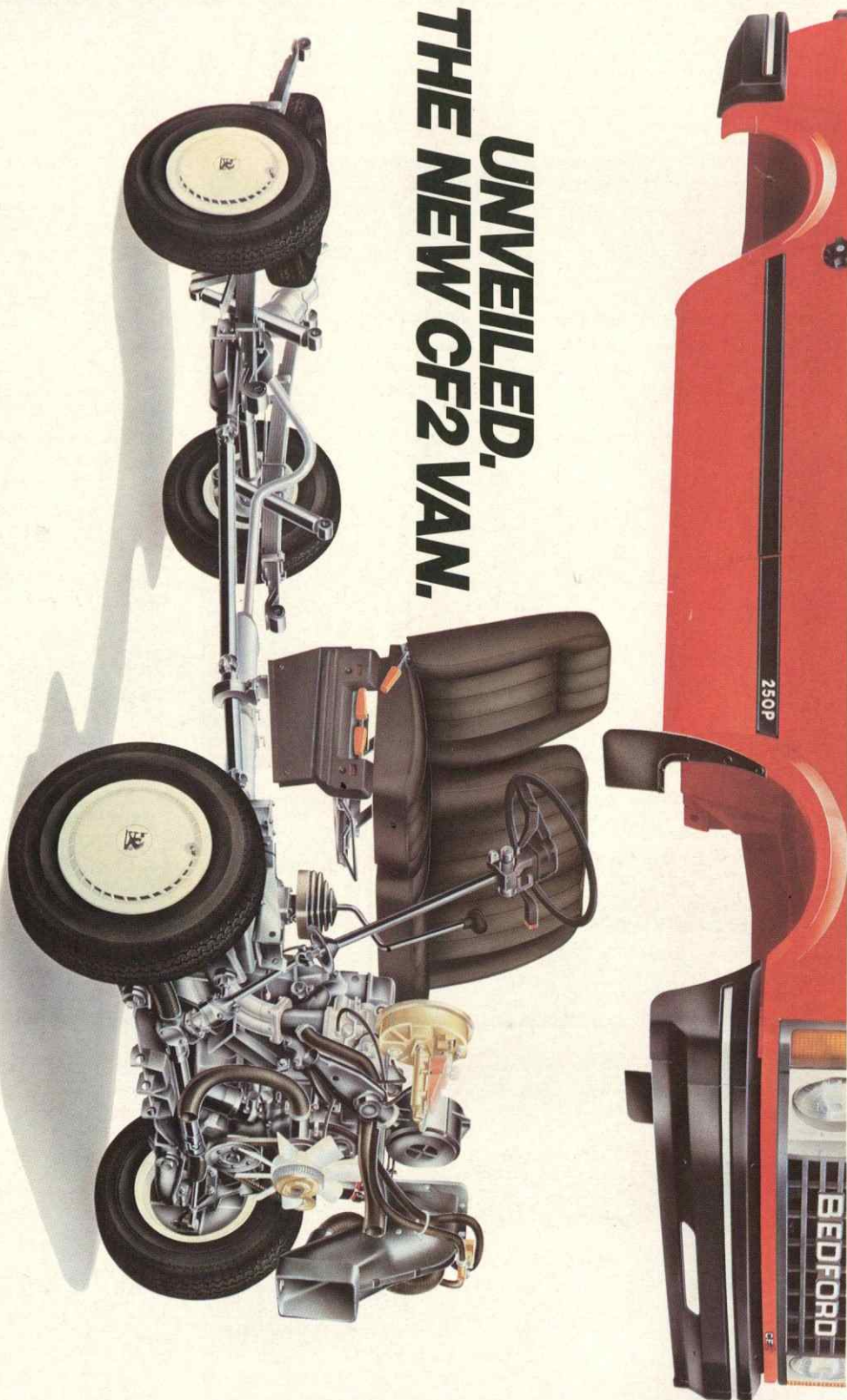
Now that the season is half-way through we made some predictions in our first programme against Stoke City, so let's see how they are working out so far. We said would it be Liverpool or Manchester United well at this time they are sixth and third respectively. Don't write-off Everton we said well they are in top spot at the moment, two points clear of Tottenham another of our tips and with Arsenal in fifth place we don't seem to be doing too badly. Our other two tips were Nottingham Forest and Chelsea well they are in eighth and ninth position and could still come with a late run.

On the transfer front it is as if Peter Nicholas the Crystal Palace midfield player will shortly join Luton Town. Other Division news is that Mark Hughes hasn't broken his arm as first feared and should be fit for today's match against West Bromwich Albion. West Ham skipper Alvin Martin is to have an X-ray on a suspected broken nose.

The leading goal-scorers of the Division are:

Dixon (Chelsea)	27
Sharp (Everton)	21
Bannister (QPR)	20
Falco (Tottenham)	20
Blissett (Watford)	18
Varadi (Sheffield Wednesday)	18

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FA CUP FOURTH ROUND ACTION

Main picture: Mal Donaghy opens scoring against Huddersfield in the 34th minute of our exciting Cup-tie

Inset: Goal-scorer Brian Stein tantalises 'The Terriers' defence in second-half action at Kenilworth Road.



ACTION REPLAY

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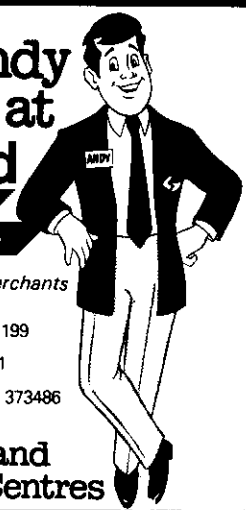


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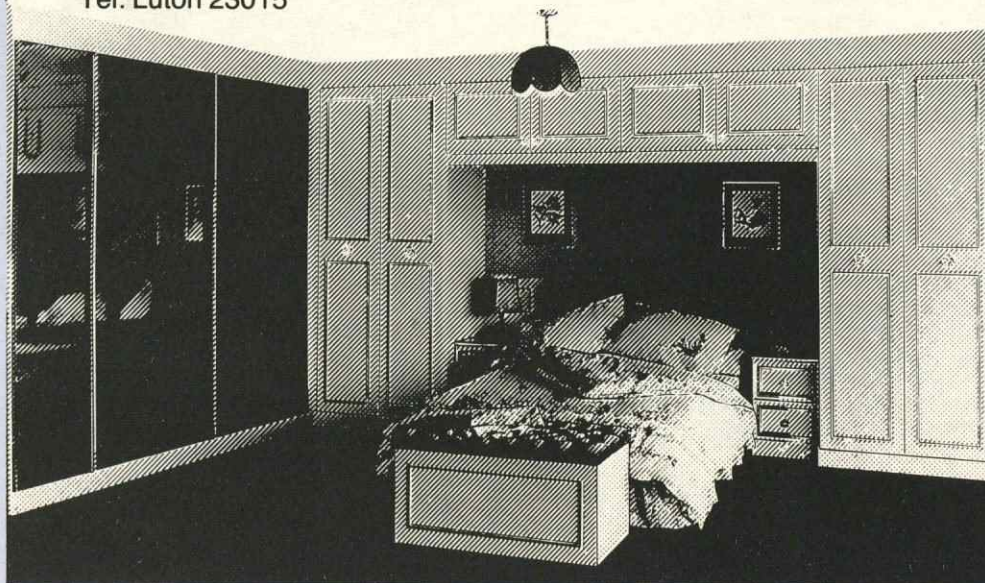
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I wish to add my own personal thanks to you, because without your help the magnificent result would not have been possible.

It is hoped that the two bones broken in his leg plus the damaged tissues around will recover in the first quarter of the year, and hopefully he will be able to return to work again by April 1985.

They say that when you are down you find out who your friends are, and so both Alan Cosby and I say we have really found our FRIENDS, they have been magnificent to us, and once again we both thank you very much indeed.

Yours very sincerely

Alan Cosby (The Player)

Cyril B. C. Buck (The Secretary)

EDITOR: Coach David Coates also arranged a collection for our ex-apprentice and Alan was more than delighted to receive our players' generosity.

Dear Sir

For 10 years now I have been a Liverpool supporter. That was until about three months ago, when I realised how much of a supporter I was — I had only seen Liverpool play three times! Since then I have been to most of Luton's home matches and I am now a loyal Oak Roader.

So why not do as I do and bring a friend along whenever possible, even if he or she does not support the Town to begin with — if everyone did attendances would be near the 17,000. They'll soon find there's nothing to match the atmosphere of being there, and with any luck will switch from being an 'armchair' supporter of one of the big clubs to cheering on and eventually supporting Luton. If the club is to stay in the First Division it's not only the players but the supporters as well who must put in 100 per cent effort. Let's pay back the directors' faith in Luton Town and increase attendances — the club's future may depend on you being able to persuade your friends to come along!

Yours sincerely

Peter Kenyon (aged 16)

Dear Mr Evans

I just want to write and tell you that I really enjoyed being a mascot on Boxing Day and had a brilliant time. I felt so proud to be on the pitch with the players and helping them to kick the footballs out to the supporters. This was one day I will always remember.

Once again very many thanks.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Herbert

Hello

I am a supporter of Paris St Germain and I would like to correspond with Luton's supporter. Luton Town is my favourite team in England. I want exchange gadgets, scarf, programmes, ideas . . .

Thanks for your answer.

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A warm welcome to today's game to all Junior Hatters and their parents and a special welcome to today's mascot and escorts.

Our mascot is Nicholas Pearce aged 15 from Bletchley. Nicholas attends Denbigh High School and plays football for the school team. His interests are football, photography and snooker.

ESCORTS

Stefan Manko aged 13 from Luton attends Stopsley High School. He plays football for his school team and his interests are football, judo and drawing.

Adrian Peck aged 11 from Luton attends Putteridge High School. His interests are football and snooker.

Philip Thoroughgood aged eight from Houghton Regis attends Tithe Farm Lower School. His interests are football, snooker and cub scouts.

Steven White aged nine from Luton attends Bushmead Junior School. His interests are football, swimming and snooker.

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WELCOME

Today we welcome our new signing Peter Nicholas who has joined us this week from Crystal Palace.

Peter joined Crystal Palace straight from school and spent six years with the club making 127 appearances before joining Arsenal for a fee in excess of £400,000.

He made 60 appearances for Arsenal before rejoining Crystal Palace after spending a period on loan to them.

A family man with three children Peter presently lives in West Wickham, Kent, but he is already looking for property in the Luton area.

We are sure our supporters will give Peter a warm welcome and relish his combative attitude which to date has won him 33 international caps for Wales.

FORTHCOMING MATCHES AT KENILWORTH ROAD

Saturday 16th February

FA CUP
FIFTH ROUND

WATFORD

Kick-off 3 pm

Saturday 9th February

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

OXFORD UNITED

Kick-off 2 pm

AWAY TRAVEL

On Saturday 9th February we travel for an interesting Division One fixture to The Dell at Southampton. Coaches leave Maple Road car park at 10.30 and the inclusive price is £4.50.

Our next away fixture takes us to St James's Park, Newcastle on the 23rd February. This is also a popular fixture with supporters and our coaches will be leaving Maple Road at 8.00 am and the cost is £7.50. Could travel club members wishing to travel book early so as to enable us to let the coach company know the number of coaches required so we can ensure all our members wishing to travel are accommodated.

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M. H. Brown and A. Hodgett

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Wednesday 23rd January 1985

Football Combination

BRIGHTON 0 LUTON TOWN 5

Pleased to be able to play our first reserve game for nearly a month, on a perfect pitch apart from one goalmouth.

We started off the game a bit rusty, but had created and missed two excellent chances before Andy Dibble made a good save to keep us level. Lucky not to concede a penalty in this opening 20 minutes and then having the good fortune of being awarded a penalty from which we took the lead.

Brighton's big centre backs found it hard to deal with our nimble forwards in the frozen goal area and they conceded a second penalty after 38 minutes.

We convert the penalty to lead 2-0 at half time, but we feel the score flatters us although we have missed other chances.

At the start of the second half we look sharper and from a good piece of play from Mark Stein, Emeka has a tap in for our third goal.

They push forward in numbers without looking really dangerous as our back four are alert and determined not to let it slip.

We are looking increasingly dangerous on the break and go on to grab two more goals from Nwajobi, to put the icing on a fine team performance and to give Emeka his hat-trick.

TEAM: Dibble, Johnson, Harvey, McEvoy, North S, North M, Cobb, Stein, Nwajobi, Preece, Moss.

Sub: Oldfield. Scorers: Moss (2 pens), Nwajobi (3).

Saturday 26th January 1985

South East Counties League

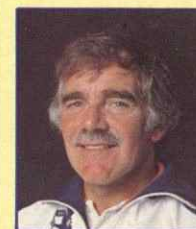
WIMBLEDON 1 LUTON TOWN 1

When we arrived at the Roehampton ground, the Wimbledon coach left Taylor, the groundsman, some of the Wimbledon team and the referee, hard at work removing the surface water from some large puddles. They did such a good job that the game started on time at 11.00 pm.

As was to be expected those patches quickly turned into a sea of mud and Wimbledon with their long ball game adapted better than we did to the condi-



JOHN MOORE



DAVID COATES

petitive game.

TEAM: J. Wright, R. McEvoy, C. Littlejohn, M. Johnson, R. Harvey, M. Tuite, M. Oyston, A. Tighe, G. Williams, D. Oldfield, K. Black.

Subs: G. Cobb, S. Farrell. Scorer: Tighe.

tions. They were ahead after 10 minutes when a diagonal pass from the right to left caught us napping, and Miller netted easily. For the remainder of the first half Wimbledon played very well and we were thankful to come in at half time without being further in arrears.

Gary Cobb then came on for Michael Oyston and with Ricky McEvoy moving into the centre of midfield we gradually assumed some measure of control. Aaron Tighe equalised after 60 minutes but further good approach play was ruined by the final pass not being of sufficient quality and a persistence for running offside.

All in all a draw was a fair result in a very com-

Saturday 12th January 1985

South East Counties League

LUTON TOWN 7 BRISTOL ROVERS 1

This match was the only South East Counties game played that day but for the first 30 minutes on a snow covered Talbots Ground we struggled to put our passing together. We did take the lead after 10 minutes when Michael Oyston struck a most magnificent goal on the half volley from fully 30 yards that any professional would have been proud of. But Bristol were soon on level terms after an error down the left side of our defence.

Our midfield gradually gave our forwards better service and in the last 10 minutes before half time S. Farrell controlled and passed brilliantly on the turn for Marcus Tuite to show his pace and score. Almost immediately Sean Farrell glanced on a long kick from the keeper for John Kennedy (a Welsh Schoolboy international) to go on and score unopposed.

The second half was one way traffic, Kingsley Black, capped a very fine wing display by scoring an opportunistic hat-trick and John Kennedy headed his second goal on what was his S.E. Counties debut.

TEAM: J. Wright, J. Bone, I. Scott, M. Johnson, R. Harvey, M. Tuite, M. Oyston, A. Tighe, J. Kennedy, S. Farrell, K. Black.

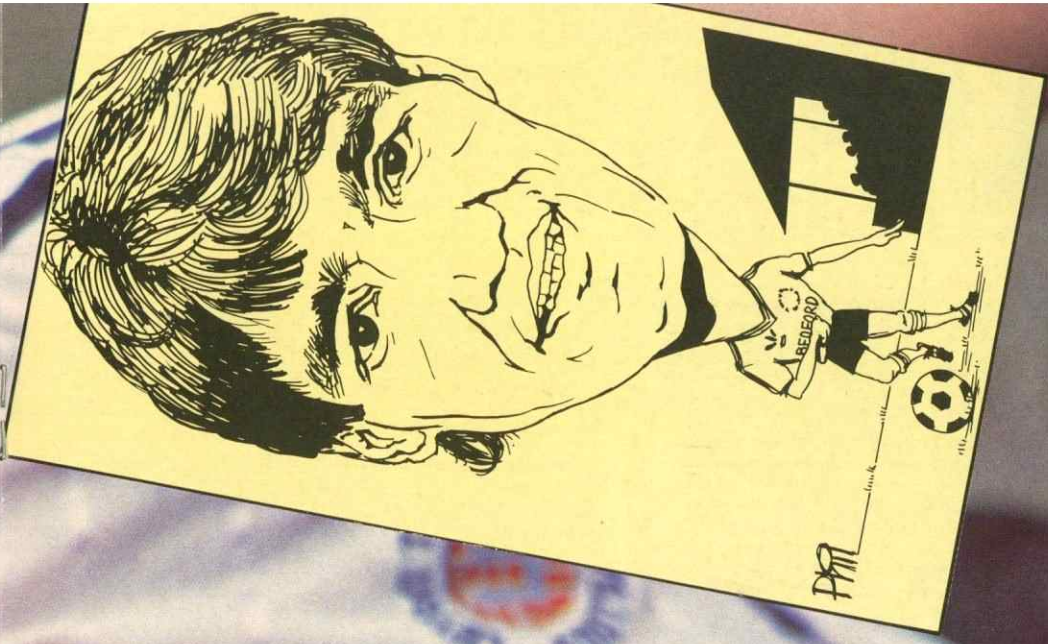
Subs: G. Cobb, G. Williams. Scorers: K. Black (3), J. Kennedy (2), M. Oyston, M. Tuite.

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OUR VISITORS

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

It's 24 seasons since Tottenham last won the League title — back in their famous double season — but the long wait for another Championship could be over in a few months.

Although neither Spurs manager Peter Shreeves nor his Everton counterpart Howard Kendall have publicly stated . . . it's beginning to look like a two horse race for the Canon League title between two clubs whose successes in recent seasons have been almost entirely in one Cup competition or the other.

With the season well past the half way mark, Everton and Spurs had opened up a six point gap at the top of the table over the chasing group. And although that's far from being an uncatchable lead, recent form suggests that the title could well be heading for either Goodison Park or White Hart Lane.

If Tottenham do carry off their first League prize for more than two decades much of the credit will fall on manager Shreeves, very much an unknown name outside North London when he succeeded Keith Burkinshaw last summer.

Once a player with Reading and in the non-League game, Shreeves turned to coaching when injury ended his career and progressed through the ranks with Spurs to replace Burkinshaw following last season's UEFA Cup success.

During the close season the new manager raised almost £2 million from the sales of Steve Archibald to Barcelona and Alan Brazil to Manchester United and spent roughly half that figure on signing Clive Allen from QPR and winger

John Chiedozie from Notts County.

Although injuries have limited both Glenn Hoddle and Ossie Ardiles' appearances, Tottenham have shown the consistent streak that's always needed to win League titles and their form away from home has been particularly impressive . . . in their first game of the campaign they went to Everton and won 4-1.

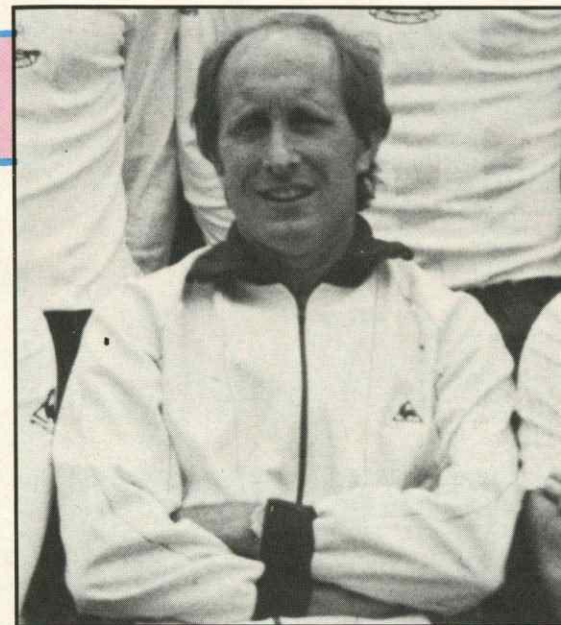
Spurs won more than half their first 13 away games of the season and were the First Division's leading scorers on their travels in that period.

Heading the scorers list at the club is Mark Falco, having by far his most productive season with the club while Garth Crooks, who seemed set to leave White Hart Lane earlier in the season, recently went through a seven game spell scoring in every match.

But there's also been a marked improvement at the back and only Sheffield Wednesday could boast a better defensive record than Spurs away from home over the first half of the season.

That delights their manager who said in the early weeks of the campaign: 'We've no chance of winning the title if we concede as many goals as we have over the past two seasons. The whole team has to show some responsibility. Not just the defence'.

Former England keeper Ray Clemence who missed the climax to last season and the UEFA Cup Final win over Anderlecht has re-established himself in goal and is having an outstanding season while skipper Steve Perryman, cen-



PETER SHREEVES

tral defenders Graham Roberts and Paul Miller and full back Chris Hughton have been providing an effective defensive cover further forward.

Former Brighton man Gary Stevens, capped for the first time by England this season, has emerged to keep out another England man Gary Mabbutt in midfield while when Hoddle was missing, Mike Hazard suggested that he too could break through into the full international reckoning.

Chiedozie, one of the Division's most exciting wingers even when playing in a struggling Notts County side in recent seasons, has given Spurs an extra cutting edge on the right hand side with Tony Galvin providing a similar service on the opposite flank and although Falco and Crooks have been Spurs' main striking partnership recently, Allen, too, has come up with the goals when given his chance.

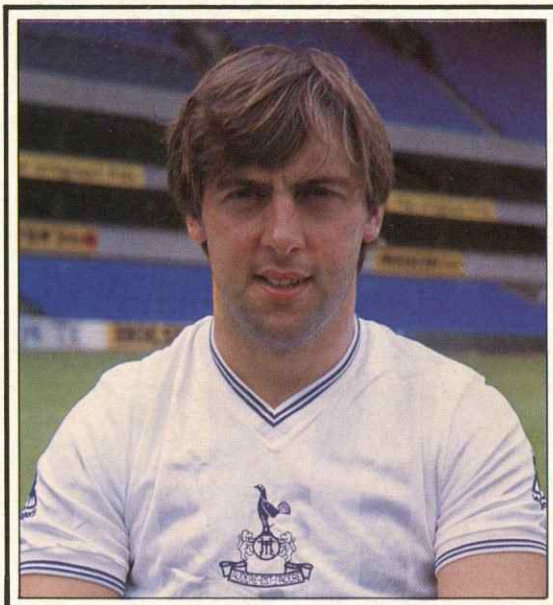
There haven't been too many opportunities this season for former Coventry full back Danny Thomas, nor for goalkeeper Tony Parkes, Spurs' UEFA Cup Final hero last May when he virtually won the cup on his own with a vital save in the penalty kick decider against Anderlecht at White Hart Lane.

Tottenham were due to meet Everton at home a couple of weeks ago in a game being billed as a potential title decider. And although the bad weather put paid to that, it's beginning to look as though that match, when fitted in, could provide the key to who takes over Liverpool's crown this season.

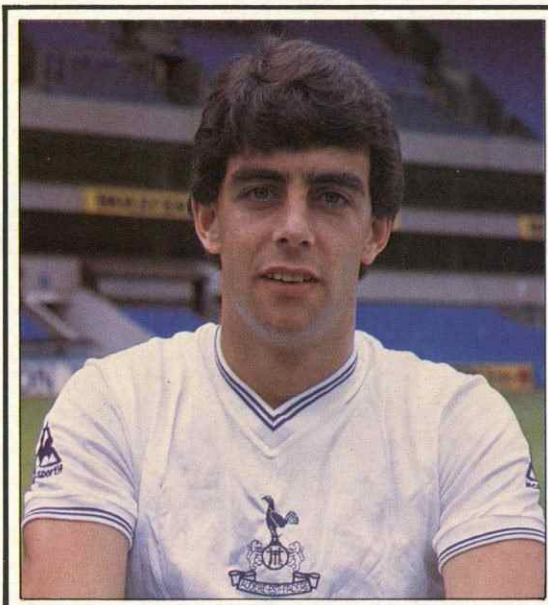
If the Championship does end up at White Hart Lane to end those barren years, then Spurs might look back to the first match of 1985 as one of the decisive moments.

Trailing 1-0 at half time at Highbury against North London rivals Arsenal, Tottenham struck back to win with second half goals from Crooks and Falco.

That performance showed Tottenham's new resilience. And that's a quality that all Champions need.



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BACKTRACK

Saturday 12th January 1985
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LUTON TOWN 3



JOHN WILKINSON

LUTON SURVIVED BONE CHILLING COLD AND ASSURED THEMSELVES OF A STRANGE NICHE IN FOOTBALL HISTORY BY DEFEATING A REYKJAVIK SELECT SIDE AT THE LAUGAR-DALSVOLLUR STADIUM YESTERDAY.

Michael Calvins 'The Telegraphs' sports reporter relayed this report for Back Track.

Iceland had never staged an outdoor soccer match in January and, adapting well to a newly laid artificial pitch, Luton took full advantage of the season's most bizarre expedition.

Goals by Gary Parker, Brian Stein and Mick Harford were enough to secure a comfortable victory. But as the Arctic island's warmest winter spell since the War came to an end, the temperature dropped an alarming 14 degrees centigrade during the course of the match.

It was minus 18 degrees by the time David Pleat's team reached the haven of the dressing room after the final whistle. Most players were wearing old socks as makeshift gloves and Ricky Hill had icicles forming on the end of his beard.

The over-riding consolation for such discomfort was that, while English rivals endured a weekend of enforced idleness, Luton gained much from a workout against a team containing seven Icelandic internationals.

'The idea of asking a team like Luton to leave the English winter to play here began as a joke. But then we thought, why not?'

Certainly Iceland Air, who took a snap decision to sponsor Luton's trip on Friday cannot be accused of a lack of marketing ingenuity.

Some of the Town's players had been bemused at the unusual nature of their challenge yet they responded with an impressive professionalism against home players whose season runs from May to September.

Stein built upon the lead provided by Parker and, although Gislason pulled a goal back on the hour, Harford quickly gave the scoreline a more realistic look.

Understandably, Mr Pleat was pleased with the outcome of an initiative which may have prompted sniggers of disbelief in England. He said, 'The whole exercise has proved to be the right decision.'

'The players would have only been putting their feet up watching television at home or becoming bored by training indoors. Here they have learned to play alongside one another in conditions they do not normally experience.'

FA CUP FOURTH ROUND
Saturday 26th January 1985
LUTON TOWN 2
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN 0
Attendance: 8,712

A brief account as Luton eased their way into the fifth round of the Cup with this victory over the Second Division side. The game was fairly balanced in the earlier stages but as the half went on the Town looked the better side but couldn't put away the chances they were creating. It took a controversial incident to put the Town in front. The visitor's full-back Brian Laws was sent off for a foul on Mitchell Thomas after he had been booked for another foul not 30 seconds before.

From the resulting free-kick Mal Donaghy headed in Garry Parker's centre to score his second goal in this season's competition. Huddersfield were by this time at sixes and sevens and it came as no surprise when Brian Stein stabbed in the Town's second midway through the second-half.

LUTON TOWN: Sealey, Breacker, Thomas, Turner, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, B. Stein, Harford, Daniel, Parker. Sub: Nwajiobi.



Our photographer captures Ricky Hill positioning himself for a corner kick in the first-half.

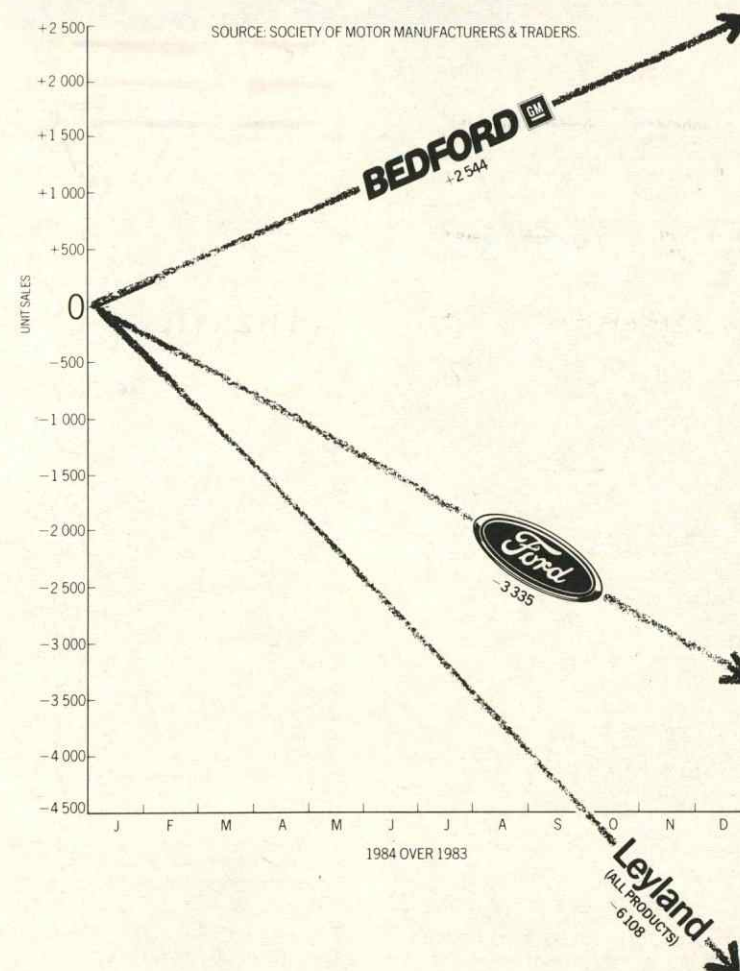


Town defender Tim Breacker moving forward in a first-half build up.



Close call for Huddersfield keeper Brian Cox as Brian Stein's control keeps him guessing.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SALES IN 1984 HELD SOME SURPRISES. EVEN FOR BEDFORD.



While overall van and truck registrations grew by only a modest 0.4 per cent in 1984, UK registrations of Bedford's rose by 6.9 per cent. Other major manufacturers were hit by losses of thousands of vehicles, but demand for Bedfords increased by an additional 2,544 vehicle registrations over 1983.

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AROUND THE TOWN

HAPPY COUPLE

Wayne Turner pictured with Jackie Lay of R. E. Lay & Son after our FA Cup win over Huddersfield when Jackie accurately forecast the match result winning the autographed souvenir ball presented at the Match Sponsorship.



EXECUTIVE SPONSORS

A warm welcome to the Bedfordshire Suite to our executive sponsors today Cleandustrial Services. Under the guidance of chairman and managing director Brian Cole, Cleandustrial are now recognised as being in the First Division of the cleaning industry. Brian, a vice president of the club and the company's general works director Peter Cooper are both enthusiastic Luton supporters and we thank them for their support today. We wish Cleandustrial and their guests an enjoyable afternoon.



NICE TOUCH

It was such a success on Boxing Day when the team distributed 100 footballs to you our loyal fans, that we decided to repeat the gesture. This time against our FA Cup opponents Huddersfield we gave a football plus a Luton Town scarf away just before kick-off to fans in different parts of the ground. We hope the lucky supporters will wear their scarves with pride.

Our picture captures the team and the Town's mascots running on to the pitch between our lovely Luton strikers with their footballs and scarves prior to handing them out.

MATCH SPONSORS

Today's match sponsors Bedford Commercial Vehicles (Wednesday 23rd January) celebrated on the formal inauguration of their new Luton van plant by John Butcher MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Industry. The plant, the most advanced of its kind in Europe, is a ma-

ior element in a £70 million investment in product and facilities announced by General Motors in mid-1983.

The ceremony brought a touch of pageantry to the factory, as the Minister and other guests were preceded to the final assembly area by the staff band of the Royal Corps of Transport.

Before unveiling a plaque to commemorate the event, Mr Butcher toured the facilities, accompanied by Bedford's chief executive and general manager, J. T. Battenberg III.

They inspected the new body shop, the massive Phosphate/ELPO body protection and anti-corrosion treatment facility, the advanced assembly conveyor system and the plant's 'nerve centre' control rooms of the highly computerised production system.

The new facilities are the result of only 15 months intensive activity in the re-organisation and re-equipping of the entire Luton van facility.

During this time, 13 buildings dispersed around the Luton van plant were rationalised and van assembly operations consolidated into two major facilities.

Mr Battenberg praised the planning and execution of the facility programme and said he was 'particularly proud of the workforce who kept production moving during major reconstruction'.

He added 'We needed this facility very badly, just as we needed the new Midi Van which has just entered production here. Looking ahead, this plant provides us with the extra capacity potential and technology base needed for the exciting new products being planned for the future.'

Referring to progress already made by Bedford, Mr Battenberg said 'I do not believe it was any coincidence that Bedford, alone among the major UK commercial vehicle manufacturers achieved an increase in both volume and penetration in domestic sales last year.'



LUCKY WINNERS

When people take part in our lotteries there is always a chance of landing the big prize of £1,000. Our picture bears testament of this with David Pleat presenting two £1,000 cheques to our latest lucky winners. Mr Peter Button on the left of our picture and Mr G. Reagan. In addition to our big winners we also had two other happy people the agents that sold the winning tickets as all our agents receive 10 per cent of the sale and 10 per cent of the prizes, so they each received £100.



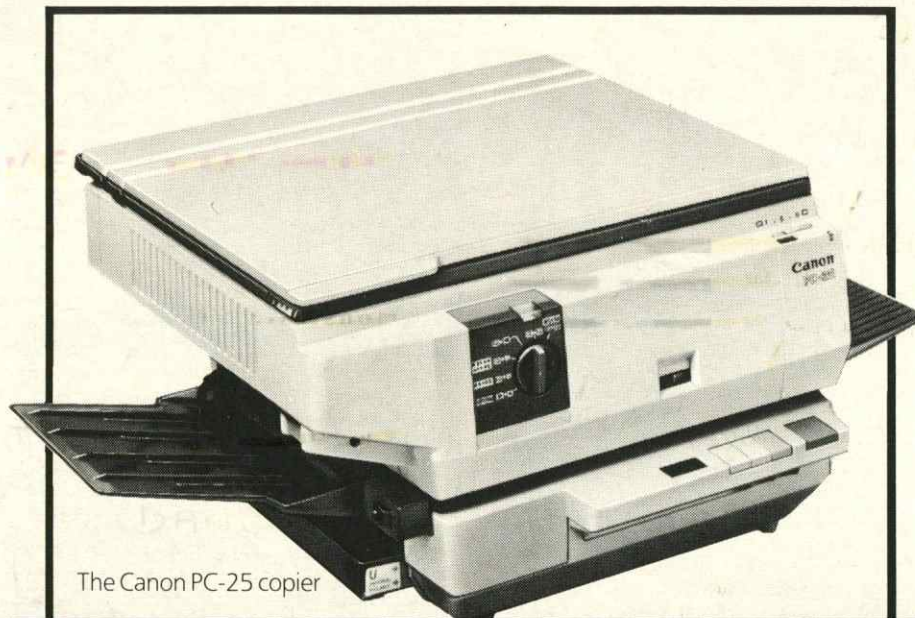
SPECIAL GUEST

The eight companies who sponsored the recent Cup match with Huddersfield were delighted to have in their company our special guest for the day Gerald Sindstat, Granada TV commentator and football journalist. Gerald is pictured above giving a humorous after-lunch talk.

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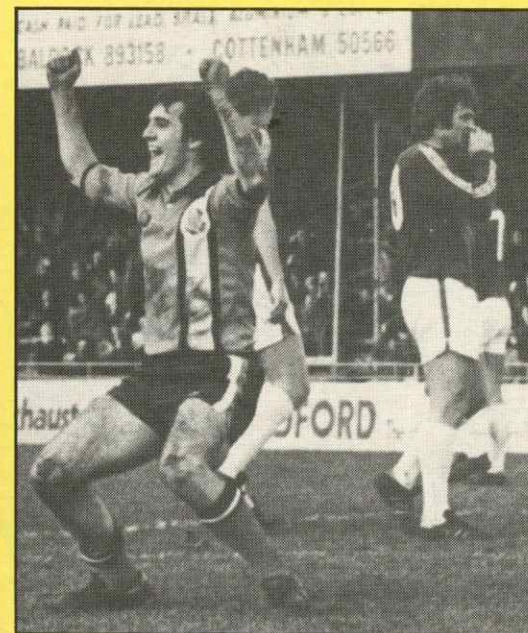
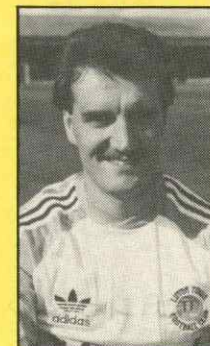
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WHERE ARE THEY NOW

PASQUALE 'LIL' FUCCILLO

Lil signed for the Town in July 1974 and worked his way up the ladder to become a regular first team player. He made over 120 appearances for the club and his dedication as a professional ensured that he made a complete recovery from twice breaking a leg. The first time it happened was at the Goldstone Road ground Brighton and he made the long slog back to full recovery only to break the same leg again when he played for the club juniors in a match at Hitchin Town. This setback would have killed off most players but under the watchful eye of John Sheridan he worked hard to achieve his fitness once more and eventually regained his first team place.

Upon leaving Kenilworth Road he decided to have a spell in America but things didn't work out too well for him over there and he returned to this country after just one season. A number of clubs wanted to sign him and after having talks he decided to join Southend United where he is still playing and scoring regularly. He has a business interest in a sports shop in the Arndale centre in Luton and is still living at Bedford.



Lil Fuccillo in a positive pose, after scoring against Oldham in 1978.

HATTERS ENTERTAINMENT

We welcome for today's pre-match entertainment the Royal Air Force Police Dog Demonstration Team.

Each year some 400 pedigree German Shepherd dogs join the RAF for Police training, as well as a substantial number of Labradors, Pointers, Spaniels and other working Retriever strains.

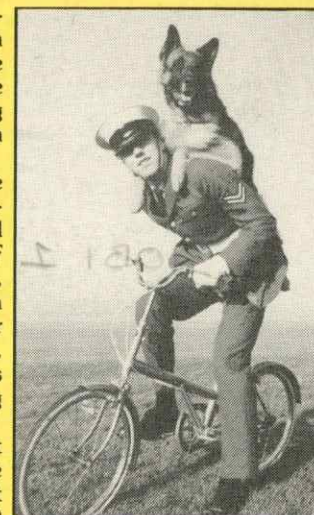
Since the first dogs joined the RAF in August 1941 over 9,500 have been trained. They have served almost everywhere that the RAF has served, and nine have won the Dicken Medal – the dog's VC.

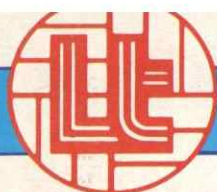
To be suitable for training German Shepherd dogs or bitches should, preferably be aged between 15 and 36 months, although slightly younger or older dogs can be considered while the working retriever breeds should be aged between eight and 36 months.

The German Shepherd dogs are trained for security duties and general Police work, while the Retrievers receive special training to sniff out drugs, firearms and explosives. The dogs remain in service so long as they are fit for their job and they are usually retired at about eight-years-old although a number do carry on until they reach the age of 12.

Anyone who has a dog to offer should write to the Royal Air Force Police School, RAF Newton, Nottingham, where expert handlers will arrange to see the animals in its own home.

We hope you enjoy today's display.





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	1-2	7,286	22
Dec 26	H	Coventry City	2-0	9,237	19
Dec 29	A	Liverpool	0-1	35,408	19
Jan 1	A	Everton	1-2	31,682	21
Jan 5	H	Stoke City (FAC 3)	1-1	7,270	—
Jan 9	A	Stoke City (FAC 3R)	3-2	9,917	—
Jan 26	H	Huddersfield (FAC4)	2-0	8,712	—
Feb 2	H	Tottenham Hotspur	—	—	—
Feb 9	A	Southampton	—	—	—
Feb 16	H	Watford (FAC 5)	—	—	—
Feb 23	A	Newcastle United	—	—	—
Mar 2	H	Sunderland	—	—	—
Mar 9	—	(FAC 6)	—	—	—
Mar 12	H	Nottingham Forest	—	—	—
Mar 16	A	Sheffield Wednesday	—	—	—
Mar 19	A	Watford	—	—	—
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 16	H	Norwich City	—	—	—
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	—	—	—
TBA	A	Stoke 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 ¹	Bunn ¹	Moss	Turner
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Findlay	Thomas	Turner	Parker	Elliott P	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	Elliott S ¹	Bunn ²	Hilaire	Breacker
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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	1-2	7,286	22	—	—	—	—	—	—
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Feb 2	H	Tottenham Hotspur	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Feb 9	A	Southampton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Feb 16	H	Watford (FAC 5)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Feb 23	A	Newcastle United	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mar 2	H	Sunderland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mar 9	—	(FAC 6)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mar 12	H	Nottingham Forest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mar 16	A	Sheffield Wednesday	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mar 19	A	Watford	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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 16	H	Norwich City	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
April 20	H	Manchester United	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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May 4	H	Arsenal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
May 6	A	Aston Villa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
May 11	H	Leicester City	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TBA	A	Stoke City	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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 28	Crystal Palace	2 - 1
Jan 22	Brighton	5 - 0
Jan 29	Tottenham	—
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 2	Swindon	—
April 13	Watford	—
April 16	Swindon	—
April 23	Ipswich	—
April 27	Millwall	—
April 30	Millwall	—
May 11	Arsenal	—
May 13	Birmingham	—
TBA	Swansea	—

CANON LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 84-85

	Home					Away					Pts
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts
Everton	24	8	3	2	35 15	7	1	3	18	14	49
Tottenham	24	7	3	1	29 12	7	2	4	20	13	47
Manchester United	24	8	3	2	29 9	4	2	5	17	21	41
Sheffield Wednesday	24	7	4	1	25 13	4	4	4	14	11	41
Arsenal	24	8	3	1	25 9	4	1	7	19	22	40
Liverpool	24	5	4	3	17 9	5	4	3	16	13	38
Southampton	24	6	2	3	11 10	4	5	4	18	18	37
Chelsea	24	8	2	3	27 13	1	7	3	13	16	36
Nottingham Forest	23	8	1	2	23 13	3	2	7	13	21	36
Norwich City	25	8	3	1	21 10	2	3	8	10	24	36
WBA	25	7	3	2	24 11	3	2	8	13	25	35
Aston Villa	24	6	4	2	20 13	2	3	7	14	25	31
West Ham United	23	5	3	4	15 12	3	4	4	15	22	31
QPR	25	5	5	2	23 16	2	5	6	9	23	31
Watford	23	4	4	4	26 22	3	4	4	19	20	29
Leicester City	24	6	3	4	29 18	2	2	7	13	27	29
Newcastle United	24	6	3	3	21 15	1	4	7	16	34	28
Sunderland	23	6	2	3	17 13	1	3	8	12	22	26
Coventry City	25	5	3	5	15 16	2	1	9	11	29	25
Ipswich Town	23	4	4	4	15 15	1	3	7	6	18	22
Luton Town	23	4	4	3	16 13	1	2	9	11	30	21
Stoke City	24	2	2	7	13 24	0	4	9	4	28	12

FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1984-85

	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts
Queens Park Rangers	25	16	5	4	68 31	37
Watford	21	14	3	4	55 32	31
Tottenham Hotspur	20	13	3	4	67 40	29
Luton Town	20	13	2	5	60 33	28
Chelsea	18	12	3	3	41 20	27
Ipswich Town	20	11	3	6	34 17	25
Arsenal	20	10	4	6	45 33	24
Southampton	19	9	5	5	41 36	23
Brighton	19	8	5	6	35 32	21
West Ham United	21	7	5	9	34 24	19
Norwich City	21	5	9	7	40 42	19
Millwall	19	7	5	7	25 28	19
Oxford United	21	6	5	10	30 44	17
Charlton Athletic	18	7	3	8	28 44	17
Swansea City	16	5	5	6	23 32	15
Birmingham City	17	5	3	9	18 32	13
Crystal Palace	20	5	3	12	28 45	13
Reading	18	6	0	12	27 46	12
Fulham	17	4	3	10	20 24	11
Portsmouth	18	2	6	10	16 27	10
Swindon Town	18	4	2	12	18 45	10
Bristol Rovers	21	2	4	15	28 64	8

Vauxhall Teamcheck.

2	LUTON TOWN		TOTTENHAM	2
	LES SEALEY	1	RAY CLEMENCE	
	TIM BREACKER	2	GARY STEVENS	
THOMAS	WAYNE TURNER	3	CHRIS HUGHTON	
	PETER NICHOLAS	4	GRAHAM ROBERTS	/
	STEVE FOSTER	5	STEVE PERRYMAN	MABBUTT
	MAL DONAGHY	6	JOHN CHIEDOZIE	PERRYMAN
HILL	EMEKA NWAJIOBI	7	GARY MABBUTT	CHIEDOZIE
	/ BRIAN STEIN	8	MARK FALCO	/
	MICK HARFORD	9	TONY GALVIN	
NWAJIOBI	1 RICKY HILL	10	GLENN HODDLE	
	DAVID PREECE	11	GARTH CROOKS	
	DANIEL	12	HAZARD	

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