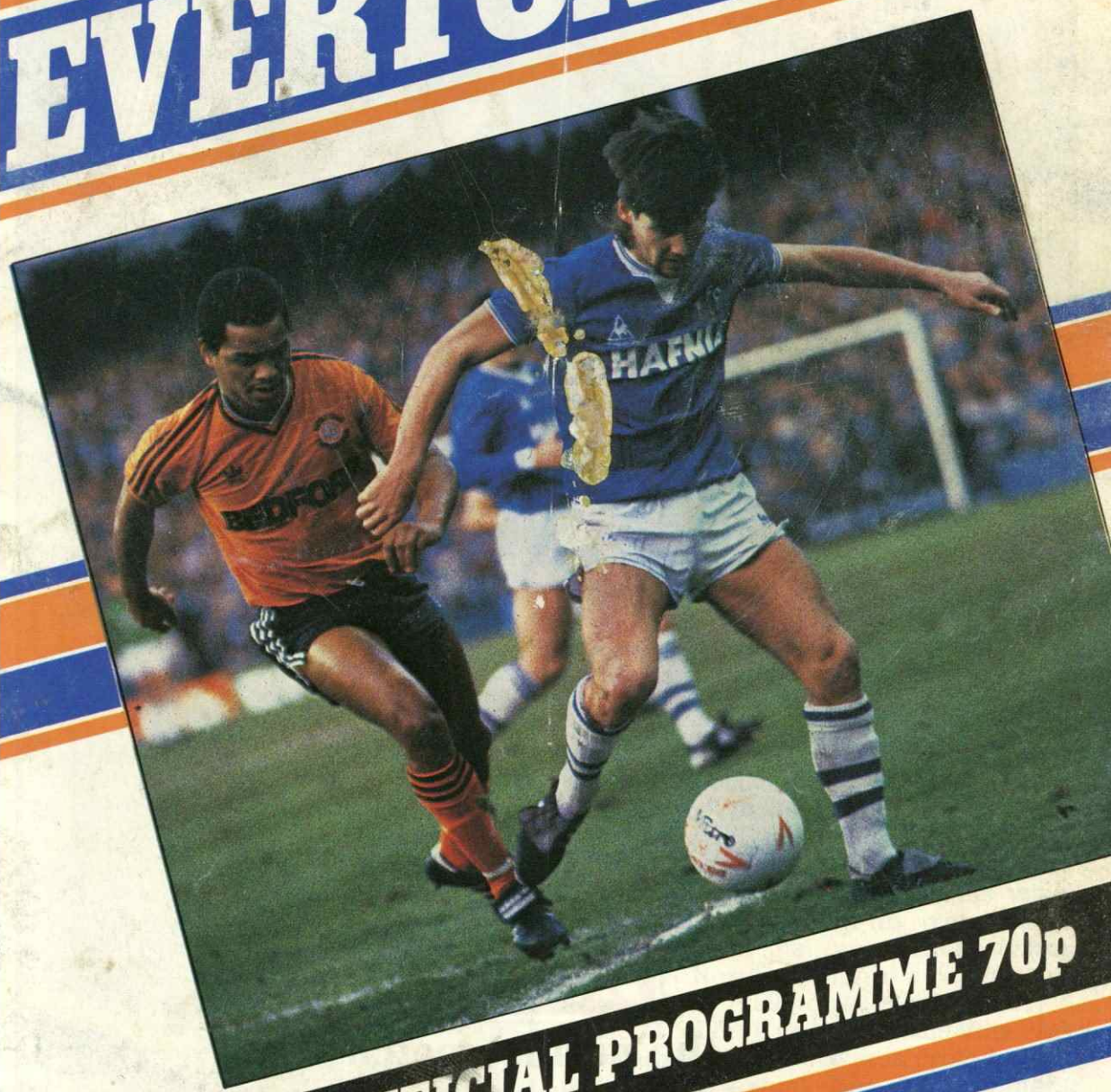


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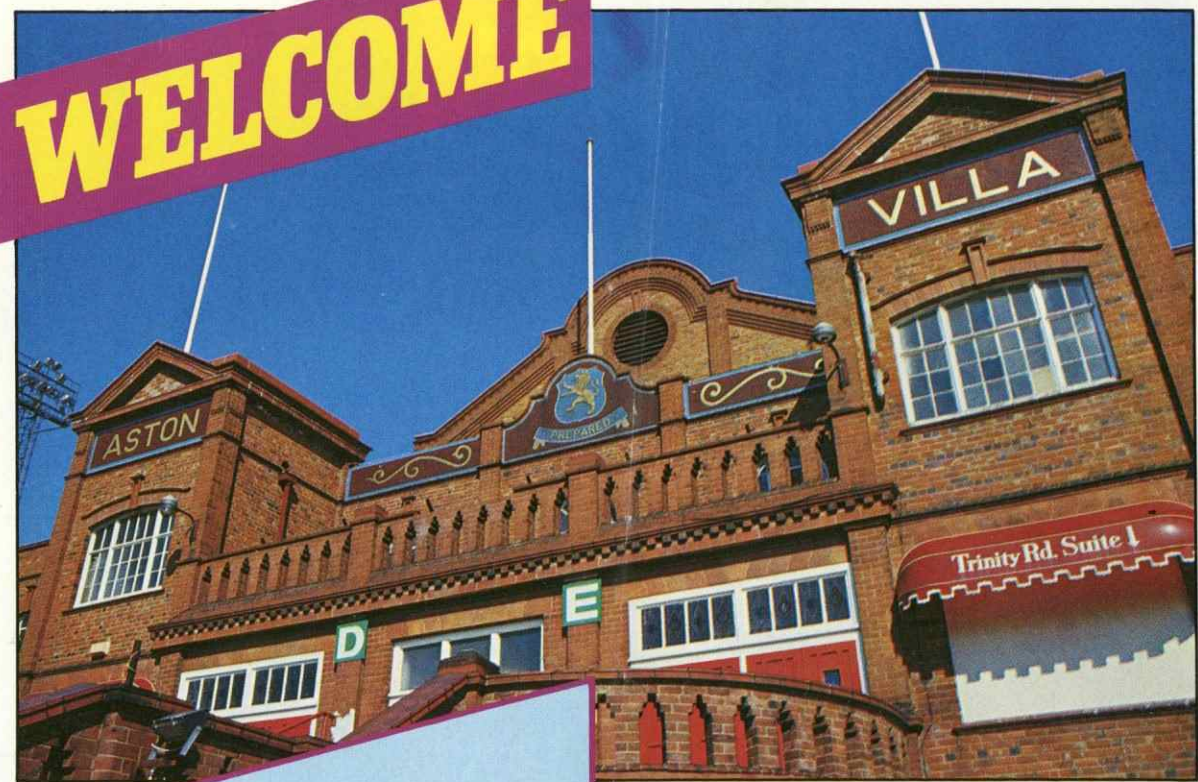
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1946	Charlton Athletic	2	Bolton W	0
1948	Blackpool	3	Tottenham H	1
1953	<i>Blackpool</i>	2	Tottenham H	1
1954	<i>WBA</i>	2	Port Vale	1
1955	Manchester City	1	Sunderland	0
1956	<i>Manchester City</i>	1	Tottenham H	0
1958	Manchester Utd	2	Fulham	2
1961	<i>Tottenham H</i>	3	Burnley	0
1962	Burnley	1	Fulham	1
1963	<i>Manchester Utd</i>	1	Southampton	0
1964	Preston NE	2	Swansea Town	1
1965	<i>Liverpool</i>	2	Chelsea	0
1966	Sheffield Wed	2	Chelsea	0
1967	Chelsea	1	Leeds Utd	0
1968	<i>WBA</i>	2	Birmingham City	0
1969	<i>Manchester City</i>	1	Everton	0
1970	Manchester Utd	0	Leeds Utd	0
1971	<i>Arsenal</i>	2	Stoke City	0
1972	Stoke City	1	Arsenal	1
1974	<i>Liverpool</i>	3	Leicester City	1
1975	<i>West Ham Utd</i>	0	Ipswich Town	0
1979	<i>Arsenal</i>	2	Wolverhampton W0	0
1980	<i>West Ham Utd</i>	1	Everton	1
1980	Arsenal	1	Liverpool	1
1980	Arsenal	1	Liverpool	1
1981	Manchester City	1	Ipswich Town	0
1982	<i>Tottenham H</i>	2	Leicester City	0
1983	<i>Manchester Utd</i>	2	Arsenal	1
1984	Plymouth	0	Watford	1

*\*Winning Finalists in italics*

Villa Park today plays host to its 29th post-War FA Cup semi-final tie and although it's the first time that Luton Town have played at the ground one step away from Wembley, Everton have twice been involved in semi-finals here since the War.

Manager Howard Kendall was in the Goodison Park side beaten by Manchester City 16 years ago while five years ago, Everton and West Ham shared a 1-1 draw.

Everton were here too in the Milk Cup semi-final last season when, although beaten 1-0 on the night by Villa, they went on to Wembley, 2-1 on aggregate over two legs.

Today they bid to return to Wembley for the fourth time in 14 months while Luton will be hoping to match their previous semi-final appearance when they beat Norwich City in a replay at St Andrew's in 1959, to reach Wembley.

The list of FA Cup semi-finals Villa Park has staged since the War is provided left with the eventual FA Cup winners, where appropriate, shown in italic type.



# DAVID PLEAT



**T**he last time Luton stood on the threshold of a Wembley Final, present manager David Pleat was at the other semi-final, watching — and supporting — the side Luton were to meet at Wembley!

That was 26 years ago when David, then a schoolboy attached to Nottingham Forest, watched Forest beat Villa at Hillsborough while Luton were involved in the other semi-final against Norwich City.

'I didn't see the Final that year,' he remembers. 'I couldn't get a ticket. But I remember being delighted with Forest's win at Wembley and a few weeks before I played there myself in a schoolboy international.'

There's no doubting where manager Pleat's loyalties lie this afternoon as he brings his team the short distance up the motorway from Bedfordshire.

'You often hear managers say that they're going into a game like this to enjoy the experience. Well, we'll certainly be doing that. But, make no mistake, we don't feel under any pressure and we hope to play to our full potential. If we do, then we have the ability in the side to win it and end Everton's remarkable run in the FA Cup.'

Looking back at his team's successful run to the last four, Pleat remembers that he missed Luton's first game in the competition when they came within a minute or two of going out to bottom of the table Stoke City at Kenilworth Road. 'I'd gone to Scotland and it was difficult keeping in touch with what was happening back at Luton. I heard it was 0-0 at half-time but the next time I was able to check was at the airport when I rang through and found we'd drawn 1-1, with Steve Foster getting a desperately late equaliser.

'They say you need a little bit of luck on your side to do well in the Cup and perhaps we had a break that day back in early January although from what I was told afterwards, we were well on top in the first game against Stoke.

'We went on to win the replay fairly convincingly after being 2-0 up at half-time but then faced a delay while Huddersfield and Wolves completed their third round tie. Eventually it was Huddersfield and to be honest we didn't have too many problems winning through 2-0.'

That sent Luton into a fifth round tie against near neighbours, close rivals and last season's beaten finalists, Watford.

'It was probably one tie we didn't want,' explains the Luton manager. 'They had a good Cup run last season knocking us out in a third round replay after two marvellous matches. Our three games with Watford this year didn't quite match the level of last season's games and after a goalless draw at home we went to Vicarage Road and found ourselves two down with just under a quarter of an hour to go.

'But we pulled level when Nwajobi lobbed the 'keeper and Hill added a second. Then we had another little piece of luck when we won the toss to stage the second replay and won that with a goal from Wayne Turner, a local lad who has done well in the side this

season. It was his first goal of the season but what a match to get it in.'

After Watford, Luton faced up to their fourth tie in nine days against Millwall when crowd problems on and off the pitch tended to overshadow another useful performance by Pleat's team.

'We played some good football in difficult circumstances and kept our heads with Brian Stein scoring a fine goal for the winner,' says Pleat.

And so it's Everton this afternoon and Town supporters here today will not need reminding that although Luton went down in the League game at Goodison 2-1 on New Year's Day, they did win 1-0 at the Cup holders' stronghold last season.

'The final scoreline this season was about right, they were the better side on the day. But we gave them an anxious moment or two towards the end when we scored through Mick Harford and might have had another near the end,' points out Pleat.

The Town manager believes the former Newcastle and Birmingham striker will be a big threat to Everton today. 'I think he may cause them a problem or two, he says. 'He's made a big difference since we took him from Birmingham. He's a magnificent player in the air and in the last few weeks he has turned over both England's central defenders, Terry Butcher and Mark Wright.'

Another mid-season signing, skipper Steve Foster, will also be a key man in Town's line-up this afternoon. 'His experience means a lot to us,' says the manager. 'And Mal Donaghy is another important man for us, he's so quick and

uses the ball so well out of defence. 'I'm also delighted for our two young full-backs Tim Breacker and Mitchell Thomas. They're both local lads from the Luton area and they've settled into the side well. It will be a big day for them but I've absolutely no worries about their temperaments for a match like this one. They won't let anyone down.' Like Howard Kendall, his counterpart this afternoon, the Luton manager has built an outstanding reputation in the last few seasons. Appointed in charge at Kenilworth Road in January 1978, he took Luton to a runaway Second Division title win in 1982 and has kept them in the top flight since.

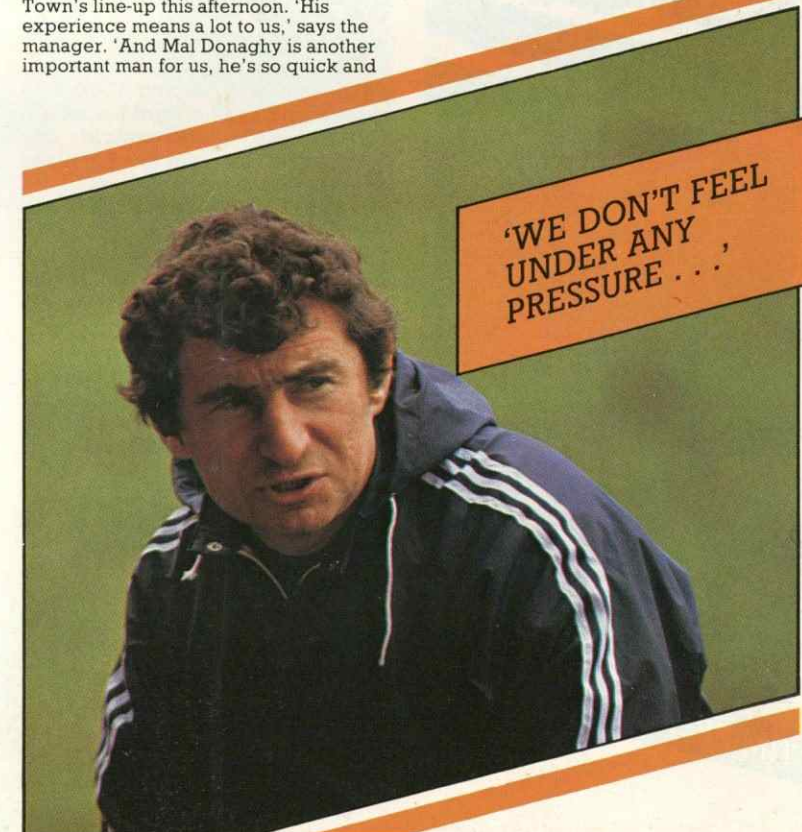
Although Town go into the final weeks of the season in need of points to maintain First Division football at Luton, Pleat has never lost his beliefs in playing the game positively.

Mind you, he does not like reminding of one appearance he made at Villa Park a few years ago for Nottingham Forest. 'I was up against Charlie Aitken, who was a fine full-back with plenty of pace. All I could think about beforehand in the dressing room was that I didn't stand a chance against him,' he recalls with a smile. 'And I didn't, probably because I'd worried too much about him before the game!'

David Pleat will make sure that doesn't happen to his team this afternoon. And as he pointed out in his programme notes in a recent Luton programme:

'Everton have been unbeaten in 13 successive FA Cup ties and are seeking to return to Wembley by eliminating us on 13th April.'

If you were slightly superstitious, you might take that to mean the odds favour Pleat's side this afternoon.





# TEAM TALK



BRIAN STEIN



TIM BREACKER

**TIM BREACKER**, a 19-year-old right-back from Bicester, had only two First Division appearances to his credit at the start of this season. But he started the new term in the side and clinched a permanent spot from November onwards. He has been a professional for only two years.

Birmingham-born **FRANK BUNN** missed out on Luton's run to the semi-final through injury, but he was a regular member of the team until Christmas. Now 22, he first went to Kenilworth Road as an apprentice and was still a teenager when he made his debut in the Second Division in 1980. After waiting in the wings, he made the big breakthrough with 30 League appearances last season.

**RAY DANIEL**, a 20-year-old mid-field player, is among a number of promising youngsters brought on by Luton since they reached the First Division in 1982. They were in the midst of a relegation struggle when he played his first full game at Manchester United in May 1983. Last season, he broadened his experience in a loan spell with Gillingham, and, more recently, he appeared in the first five games of Luton's FA Cup run.

Luton moved swiftly to sign **ANDY DIBBLE** from Cardiff City when the 19-year-old Welsh goalkeeper was available last summer. His first League game was on his 17th birthday in May 1982 and he went on to win three Under-21 caps while registering 62 League appearances and helping Cardiff to promotion from the Third Division in 1982-83. He went straight into Luton's first team but lost his place through injury in November.

Irishman **MAL DONAGHY** was one of David Pleat's first signings for Luton in the summer of 1978. At £20,000 from the Irish League club, Larne, he represented tremendous value, progressing quickly into the Northern Ireland international team. The 27-year-old defender played in the 1982 World Cup Finals and now has more than 30 caps. He missed only six League games in his first six seasons with the Hatters.

**PAUL ELLIOTT** cost £145,000 from Charlton two years ago and confirmed his early reputation as one of the country's most promising centre-backs. He won an England Under-21 cap in October, but, only a fortnight later, he broke a leg in a Milk Cup-tie with Leicester. The unlucky Londoner was still recovering when he celebrated his 21st birthday in March.

Big **JAKE FINDLAY** started his career here at Villa Park, helping

Villa win the FA Youth Cup 13 years ago. Later he was deputy, in turn, to Jim Cumbes, John Burridge and Jimmy Rimmer and eventually accepted Luton's offer of first team football in a £100,000 move in 1978. The 30-year-old Scotsman was their promotion-winning goalkeeper in 1981-82 but was replaced by Les Sealey last season.

**ASHLEY GRIMES** has had an unlucky first season at Kenilworth Road after his summer move from Coventry. Problems with a sciatic nerve put him out of action in October and he was in hospital for a time. Now 27, the versatile Dubliner has been in English football since joining Manchester United from Bohemians in 1976-77. He played in the 1983 FA Cup semi-final at Villa Park and then joined Coventry City last term.

**STEVE FOSTER** would hardly have imagined that he would make his return to Villa Park in a semi-final when he left Villa to become Luton's captain at the end of November. It's the second time he has led a side at this stage, having helped Brighton to Wembley only two years ago. The 27-year-old former England defender began his career at Portsmouth and was with Brighton when he played in the 1982 World Cup Finals. He joined Villa in March last year.

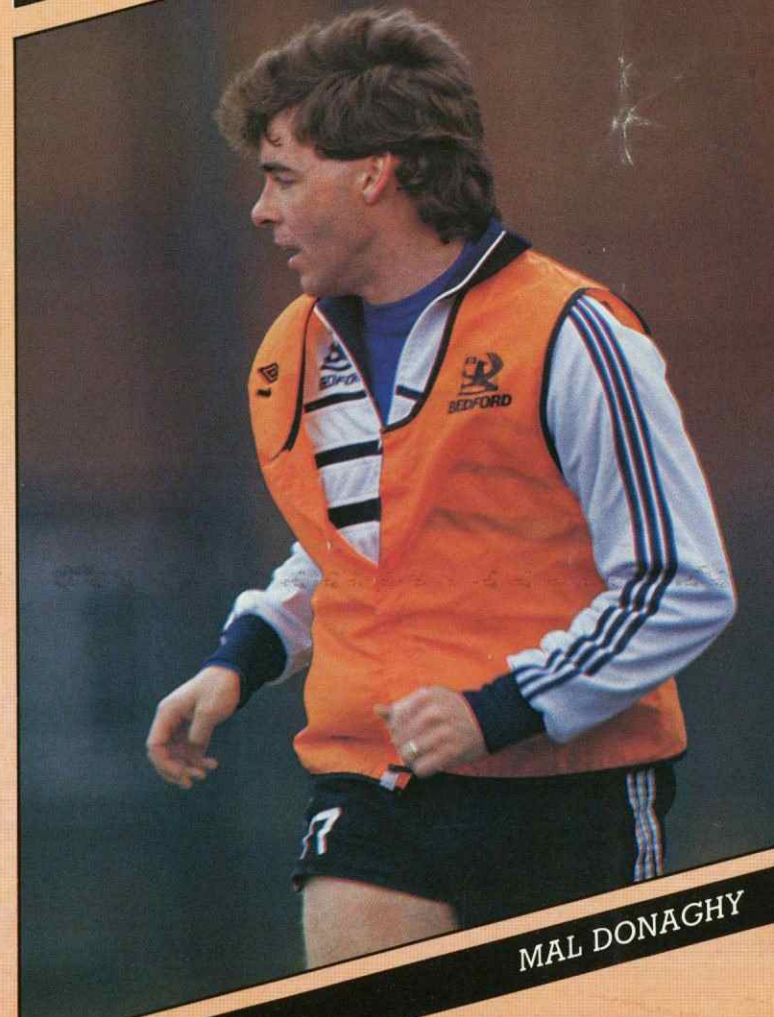
**MICK HARFORD** is another Luton player having something of a homecoming today, having moved from Birmingham City for around £250,000 in December. Born in Sunderland 26 years ago, he first broke into League football with Lincoln, spending four seasons there before six-figure transfers took him in quick succession to Newcastle, Bristol City and Birmingham.

**RICKY HILL** is one of Luton's best youth discoveries of recent times, joining them from schoolboy football in North London and making a scoring debut when he was only 17. His skilful, attacking midfield play attracted Bobby Robson as soon as Luton returned to the First Division. He won two caps in 1982 and David Pleat believes that, at 26, he is worthy of further international recognition.

**DAVID MOSS** has been one of the country's most productive wingers in a long career which has yielded nearly 150 League goals. He spent nine seasons with Swindon, playing mainly in the Third Division, before David Pleat took him to Kenilworth Road for £110,000 in 1978. At 33, he can boast a century of League and Cup goals for Luton, many of them as their penalty expert. The Witney-



LES SEALEY



MAL DONAGHY

born marksman also had a successful spell in America with Tampa Bay Rowdies.

**EMEKA NWAJOBI** scored on his First Division debut against Nottingham Forest in January last year — only four weeks after a £5,000 transfer from Dulwich Hamlet. He first played football in his homeland, Eastern Nigeria, and came to England with his family in 1970. He won England Schools honours but concentrated on his studies in pharmacy while playing for Barking, Andover, Catford and the University of Wales. He made only four appearances for Dulwich before joining Luton.

England Youth international **STACEY NORTH** made his debut in the final League match of last season and opened the current campaign in the first team. He played in eight senior games but was then sidelined

after dislocating his hip in a reserve match.

**GARY PARKER**, 19, is another England Youth cap who has made a considerable advance in the last two seasons. The former Oxfordshire Boys player made his debut, along with Ray Daniel, at Old Trafford in May 1983, and has featured in five of this season's FA Cup-ties.

Injuries to Andy Dibble and Jake Findlay gave **LES SEALEY** an unexpected chance to re-claim the goalkeeper's jersey in December. The 27-year-old Londoner performed so well that he remained number one throughout the Cup run. A trip to Wembley would revive an old family memory, for his cousin, Alan, scored both goals there when West Ham won the Cup-Winners' Cup in 1965. Les started out as an apprentice with Coventry and spent nine years there before his six-figure move to Luton.

**BRIAN STEIN** was a part-timer with Edgware Town when Luton persuaded him to try his luck as a professional in October 1977. The £5,000 move turned out to be the passport to a full England cap for the 27-year-old striker who was born in Cape Town. He made his League debut within a month and was top scorer with 21 goals in Luton's Second Division Championship side in 1981-82. His one appearance for England was against France last year.

**MITCHELL THOMAS** made news when he signed for Luton under the Manpower Services' Youth Opportunities Scheme and progressed to a First Division debut at the age of 18. He also won England Youth honours before establishing himself as regular at full-back, left or right, in the last 18 months.

**WAYNE TURNER**, now 24, spent a full season on loan to Lincoln City while his clubmates were clinching promotion from the Second Division. But the local discovery played in 30 League games, either at full-back or in midfield, during Luton's first season back in Division One. He scored the vital goal which defeated Watford in the fifth round of the FA Cup this term.

Two of Luton's most recent signings will miss today's game because they played in earlier rounds for their previous clubs. **DAVID PREECE**, a 21-year-old midfielder man, arrived from Walsall for around £100,000 in December and was followed eight weeks later by **PETER NICHOLAS**, a former Welsh international captain who was with Arsenal in between two spells with Crystal Palace.



# STEVE FOSTER

**L**uton's Cup run this season very nearly ended before it started back in January when they found themselves a goal down to the First Division's bottom club, Stoke City, with the final minutes of the Kenilworth Road tie ticking away.

The man who rescued Town that day back in January and who'll be very much their driving force at Villa Park today was Steve Foster who brings his famous white headband and steely determination back to the ground where he started off the season with Aston Villa.

'We've had a slice of luck getting through to this stage of the Cup,' reflects Foster who moved to Villa in November and who was immediately made team skipper by Town boss David Pleat.

'But you need a little bit of luck along the way in the Cup,' says the man who's aiming to get to Wembley for the second time in three seasons.

The last time was with Brighton a couple of years ago when the England defender had to sit on the sidelines because of suspension as Brighton held Manchester United to a 2-2 draw.

He was back for the replay when United powered their way to a 4-0 win and would dearly like the chance to make amends for that defeat.

'I suppose there are some similarities between Brighton and Luton,' says Steve. 'They're both small clubs compared with the likes of Everton, Liverpool and Manchester United. There's a homely atmosphere about the Goldstone Ground and Kenilworth Road and although the fans at both clubs are probably not so intense as at the bigger clubs, there's a very strong feeling towards their local sides.'

Steve admits that Brighton probably had a tougher run to Wembley two years ago than Luton have had to the last four stages this season. But balancing this, he points out: 'At the semi-finals a couple of years ago we were up against Sheffield Wednesday who were a useful side but still a Second Division club. Today we face a team whose record is possibly second to none over the last 12 months or so.'

But back to that match against Stoke three months ago when Luton's dreams of a Wembley Cup run were fading by the minute.

'We'd had the better of the game and plenty of chances,' remembers the Town captain. 'But Stoke had scored a goal against the run of play and there wasn't long to go when I managed to scramble in the equaliser.'

'It was pretty close but we made no mistake in the replay the following Wednesday on a terribly icy pitch. We got through without too many problems against Huddersfield but then came up against Watford in the three-match fifth round tie.'

'After a goalless draw at home we were two-nil down in the replay at Vicarage Road with just over 10 minutes to go. But our luck held out again, we forced the match into extra time and then got the break in the second replay at Kenilworth Road with young Wayne Turner's goal winning it for us in the end.'

'The Millwall game in the last round was a difficult one for us on paper but despite the problems off the pitch and the hold up early on in the game, we won it fairly comfortably to get through to today's semi-final.' Although Luton line-up today for possibly their most important game since they held on to their First Division place two seasons ago by winning a relegation

dogfight at Manchester City, Foster believes the club's priority over the final weeks of the season is clear... to climb out of the First Division's danger zone.

'Making sure we are in the First Division next season is our top target but having said that, being so close to Wembley is a nice bonus and despite Everton's record in the Cup and League over the last 12 months, we believe we can pull out something today.'

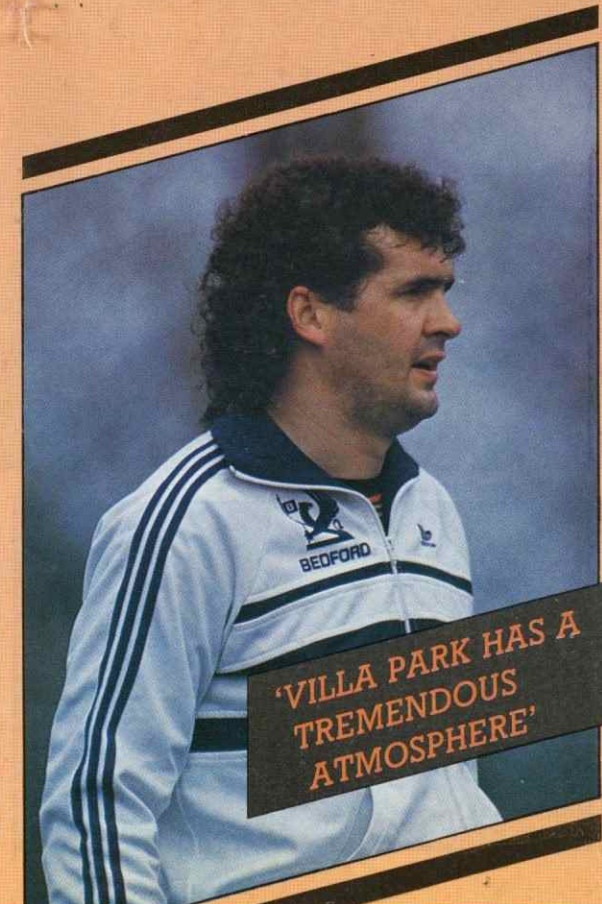
'We played them in the League at Goodison Park just before that Stoke Cup-tie, and created quite a few chances up there before losing 2-1 and Everton, of course, come into today's game straight after a hard game in Europe on Wednesday.'

'I don't think that particularly works against them because they have a big squad of players and are used to playing pressure games one after another. Like good sides they take each match as it comes along but we will be reasonably fresh after a break this week and that may be in our favour.'

It's no secret that Steve's brief seven month stay at Villa Park did not work out and he welcomed the chance of a move to Luton in November.

But Town's skipper is delighted to be back at Villa Park this afternoon. 'The ground has a tremendous atmosphere, particularly for big games when there's a packed crowd and the pitch is one of the best in the game.'

Whatever happens this afternoon, Steve has another date back at Villa Park in a few weeks time for a League match here. By then he'll be hoping that Luton are not only Wembley-bound but that they'll have edged clear of trouble in the League and that famous headband is set for Wembley once more... and the First Division again next season.



'VILLA PARK HAS A TREMENDOUS ATMOSPHERE'



# STATISTICS

## LUTON TOWN — A BRIEF HISTORY

**Formed:** 1885.  
**Entered Football League:** 1897. Failed to gain re-election in 1900 but re-admitted to Division Three in 1920.  
**Honours:** Best in First Division, 8th, 1957-58. Second Division Champions, 1981-82. Runners-up, 1954-55, 1973-74. Third Division (South) Champions, 1936-37, Runners-up, 1935-36. Third Division runners-up, 1969-70. Fourth Division Champions, 1967-68. FA Cup runners-up, 1959. Best in League/Milk Cup, Round Five, 1978-79.  
**Record victory:** 12-0, v Bristol Rovers, Division Three (South), 1936.  
**Most League points:** Two points win, 66, Division Four, 1967-68. Three points win, 88, Division Two, 1981-82.  
**Most League goals:** 103, Division Three (South), 1936-37.  
**Highest League goalscorer in a season:** 55, Joe Payne, Division Three (South), 1936-37.  
**Most League appearances:** 494, Bob Morton, 1948-64.  
**Managers since last War:** George Martin, Dally Duncan, Syd Owen, Sam Bartram, Bill Harvey, Allan Brown, Alec Stock, Harry Haslam, David Pleat (appointed January 1978).



MITCHELL THOMAS

## LUTON TOWN ROLL CALL 1984-85

Players who have appeared this season				International	• League/Cup
Player	Birthplace	Previous Clubs	Date Signed	Honours	Apps Goals
Tim Breacker	Bicester	—	*July '81	—	32(1) —
Frank Bunn	Birmingham	—	*April '79	—	19(3) 5
Ray Daniel	Luton	—	*June '81	—	9(2) 1
Andrew Dibble	Cwmbran	Cardiff	July '84	Wales U-21	16 —
Mal Donaghy	Belfast	Larne	June '78	N. Ireland	42 5
Paul Elliott	Lewisham	Charlton	March '83	England U-21	12 1
Jake Findlay	Blairgowrie	Aston Villa	Nov '78	—	4 —
Steve Foster	Portsmouth	Portsmouth, Brighton, Aston Villa	Nov '84	England	22 2
Ashley Grimes	Dublin	Bohemians, Manchester Utd, Coventry	Aug '84	Eire	11 —
Mick Harford	Sunderland	Lincoln, Newcastle, Bristol City, Birmingham	Dec '84	—	20 9
Ricky Hill	Paddington	—	*Nov '75	England	41 3
David Moss	Witney	Witney, Swindon	May '78	—	18 5
Peter Nicholas	Newport	Crystal Palace, Arsenal, Crystal Palace	Jan '85	Wales	8 —
Emeka Nwajobi	Nigeria	Dulwich Hamlet	Dec '83	—	17(10) 4
Stacey North	Luton	—	*June '81	—	8 —
Gary Parker	Oxford	—	*June '82	—	15(9) 2
David Preece	Bridgnorth	Walsall	Dec '84	—	11 1
Les Sealey	Bethnal Green	Coventry	Aug '83	—	22 —
Brian Stein	Cape Town	Edgware	Oct '77	England	42 12
Mitchell Thomas	Luton	—	*Sept '81	—	34(1) —
Wayne Turner	Luton	—	*June '77	—	31 1

ALSO PLAYED: Vince Hilaire (now Portsmouth) 7(2) apps; Steve Elliott (now Walsall) 15 apps, 6 goals; Micky Droy (on loan from Chelsea) 3 apps; Colin Todd (contract cancelled through injury) 3 apps.  
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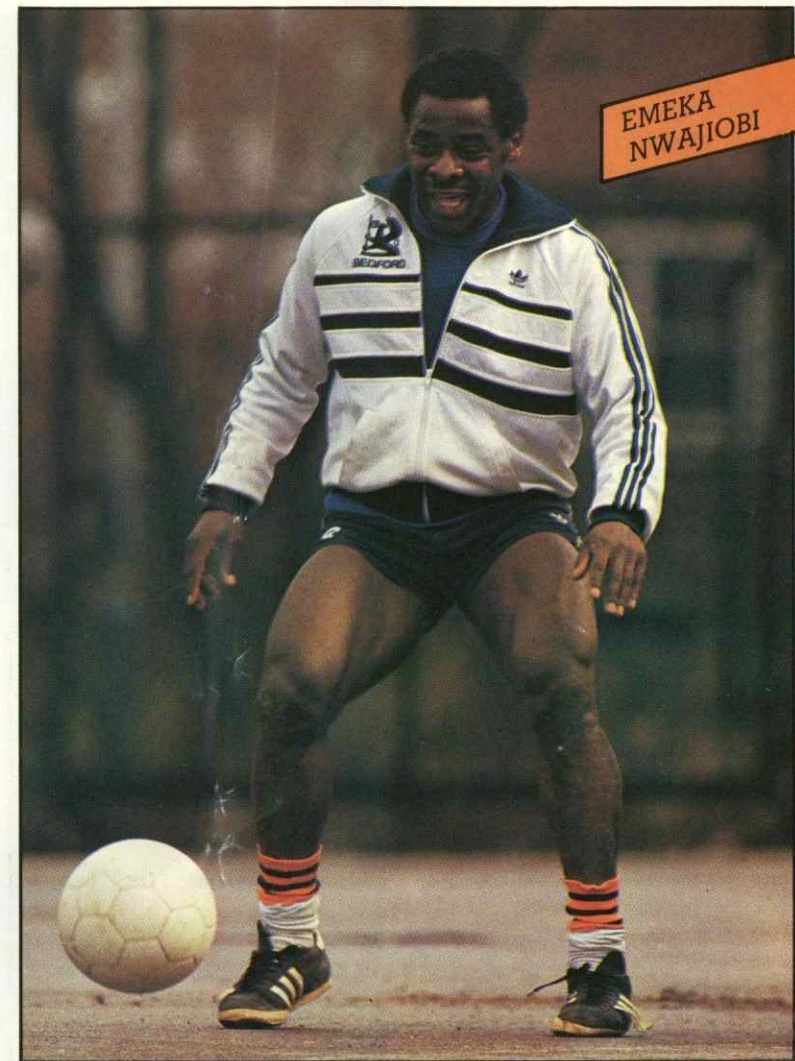
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<b>Season 1974-75</b>	3 Birmingham (H) 0-1
<b>Season 1975-76</b>	3 Blackburn (H) 2-0 4 Norwich (A) 0-2
<b>Season 1976-77</b>	3 Halifax (A) 1-0 4 Chester (A) 0-1
<b>Season 1977-78</b>	3 Oldham (H) 1-1 Oldham (A) 2-1 4 Millwall (A) 0-4
<b>Season 1978-79</b>	3 York (A) 0-2
<b>Season 1979-80</b>	3 Swindon (H) 0-2
<b>Season 1980-81</b>	3 Orient (A) 3-1 4 Newcastle (A) 1-2
<b>Season 1981-82</b>	3 Swindon (H) 2-1 4 Ipswich (H) 0-3
<b>Season 1982-83</b>	3 Peterborough (H) 3-0 4 Manchester Utd (H) 0-2
<b>Season 1983-84</b>	3 Watford (H) 2-2 Watford (A) 3-4



EMEKA NWAJOBI

## HOW LUTON TOWN REACHED THIS SEASON'S FA CUP SEMI-FINAL AT VILLA PARK

Date	V	Opposition	FA Att	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Jan 5	H	Stoke City	1-1 7,277	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Turner	Foster <sup>1</sup>	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	Harford	Daniel	Moss*	Nwajobi
Jan 9	A	Stoke City	3-2 9,911	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Turner	Foster	<b>Donaghy</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>Hill</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>Stein</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>Harford</b> <sup>1</sup>	Daniel	Parker	Nwajobi
Jan 26	H	Huddersfield	2-0 8,714	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Turner	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	Harford	Nwajobi	Daniel	Nwajobi
Mar 4	H	Watford	0-0 18,508	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Turner	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	Harford	Nwajobi	Daniel	Parker
Mar 6	A	Watford	2-2 19,000	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Turner	Foster	Donaghy	<b>Hill</b> <sup>1</sup>	Stein	Harford	Nwajobi <sup>1</sup>	Daniel*	Parker
Mar 9	H	Watford	1-0 15,588	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	<b>Turner</b> <sup>1</sup>	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	Harford	Nwajobi	Parker	Moss
Mar 13	H	Millwall	1-0 17,478	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Turner	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	<b>Stein</b> <sup>1</sup>	Harford	Nwajobi	Parker	Moss

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**B**ig Mick Harford has already been to Wembley once this season. Now he is chasing a second visit in a few weeks time when he hopes the outcome will be slightly more successful.

Born and brought up on Wearside, Mick took the chance to watch his home-town team Sunderland in action against Norwich in last month's Milk Cup and he admits that he was disappointed with the final result and Sunderland's display.

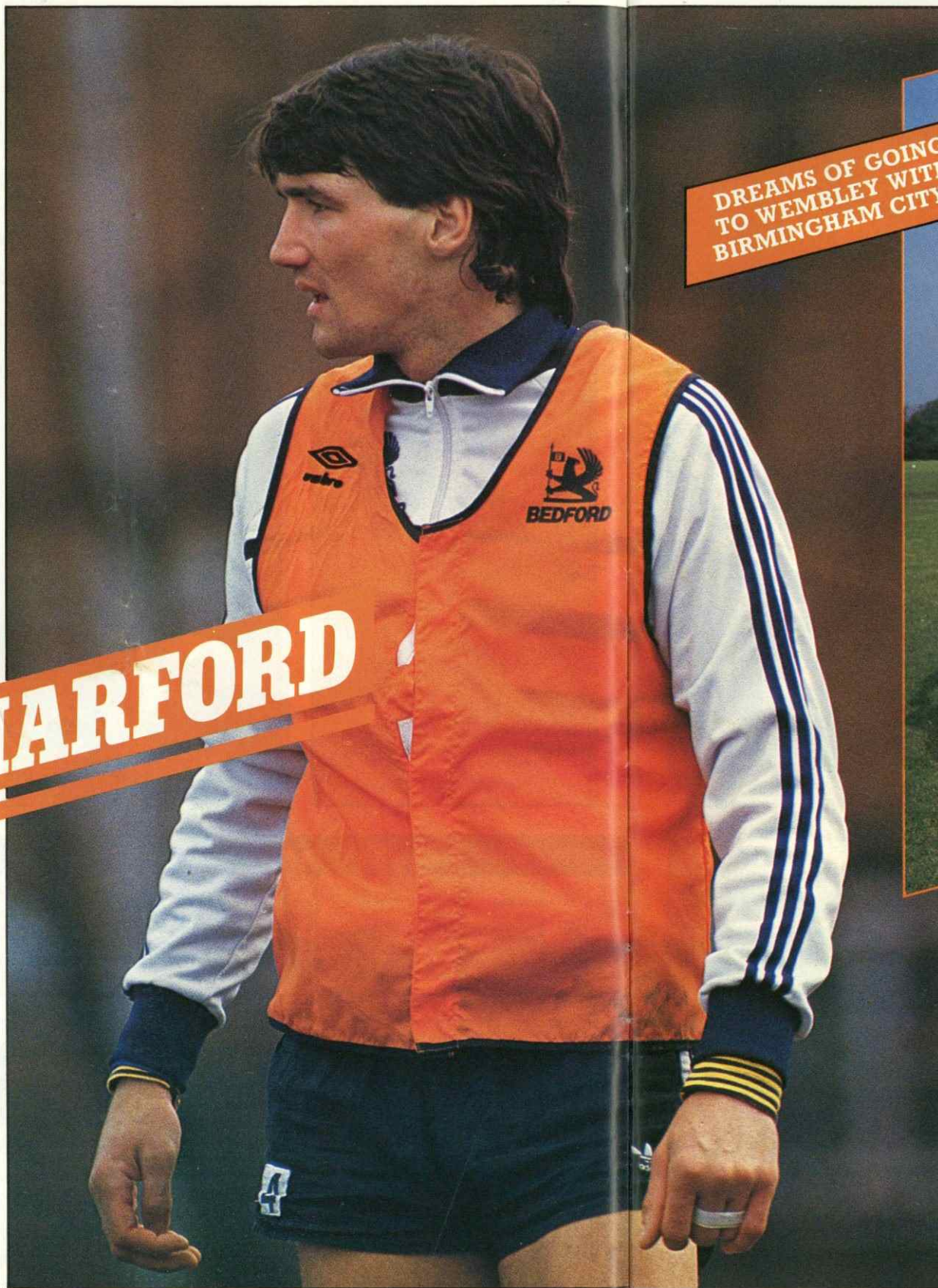
Says Mick, a Sunderland fan since he was a kid living not far from Roker Park: 'I went to Wembley as a Sunderland fan hoping to see my home team lift the Cup so the defeat by Norwich was a big disappointment. Although, to be fair, Norwich were probably the better side on the day and Sunderland never really got into their stride.'

Mick hopes to make up for that disappointment in the next few weeks by helping Luton dispose of the FA Cup holders this afternoon and then to win at Wembley in a few week's time. 'We'll be the underdogs against Everton today,' he points out, but we deserve to be in the semi-finals and in a one-off match like today's

# MICK HARFORD

anything can happen. Every player dreams of getting to Wembley during his career and it's a tremendous incentive for us this afternoon. But the nearer you get to the Final — the further away you are in some sense. You can lose in the semi-final and so far as Wembley hopes go, it's almost the same as going out in the third round.'

Mick had dreams of getting to Wembley 12 months ago with Birmingham City. The St Andrew's side had advanced in impressive style to the quarter-finals with Harford scoring the goal that knocked out his Sunderland favourites at Roker Park along the way. They'd also put out fancied West Ham in the fifth round and had a home draw with Watford in



DREAMS OF GOING TO WEMBLEY WITH BIRMINGHAM CITY



the quarter-finals. 'We fancied our chances of making it to the semis,' recalls Mick. 'We'd already beaten Watford fairly comfortably at home in the League but on the day they were easy winners 3-1 and John Barnes was brilliant.' Birmingham and Mick Harford's season turned into a disaster following that defeat by Watford. One League win in their last 12 games sent them into the bottom three and tumbling into the Second Division and then a close season move to Queens Park Rangers for the big striker fell through and it was Luton who gave him the chance of First Division football when they signed him from St Andrews in December. Harford scored in his debut game

for Town, a 2-2 draw at Leicester just before Christmas and he has been in good form in his short time at Kenilworth Road with a couple of goals in the important win against fellow strugglers Ipswich a fortnight ago taking his total to nine in 19 League and Cup games.

After a hectic spell of Cup games at the start of last month when Town faced four in nine days, Luton have had something of a breather since and Mick believes that will help their cause today. 'Since beating Millwall in the sixth round we've had a month when we've been able to put the Cup to the back of our minds and concentrate on improving our League position. It's brought us down to earth and I think we'll go into the Everton match with the right kind of attitude and with just the right sort of appetite.'

'They probably don't come any tougher than Everton at the moment. Peter Reid said recently in an interview that they were a difficult team to break down and that's the main problem we have to answer this afternoon.'

'Although there's a few internationals in their side, they depend to a large extent on team work rather than individual stars. Yet if you look through their line-up, from Neville Southall in goal through to Kevin Sheedy at number 11, they are tremendously well balanced and know exactly the job they have to do.'

One Everton man Mick is looking forward to meeting up with today, both on and off the Villa Park pitch, is full-back Pat Van den Hauwe, a Birmingham teammate and close friend when the two were together at St Andrews. Says Mick: 'Pat made me feel very much at home when I joined Birmingham three years ago and we've managed to keep in touch since we went our separate ways.'

'Ron Saunders used to say Pat was the most improved player at the club and I'm not at all surprised by the way he's settled in at Goodison Park.'

'He's a very quick, strong player with a good will to win . . . and he can play a bit too. In some ways it's remarkable that we should meet up again not long after playing together, and only a few miles from what used to be our home ground.'

'I doubt if we'll have too much to say to each other during the match today but I hope there'll be a chance for us to have a chat afterwards.'

So the man from the North East goes into today's semi-final with a twin target . . . to help Luton get to Wembley for the first time in 26 years and then to make amends for Sunderland's Milk Cup defeat last month.



# Billy Bingham

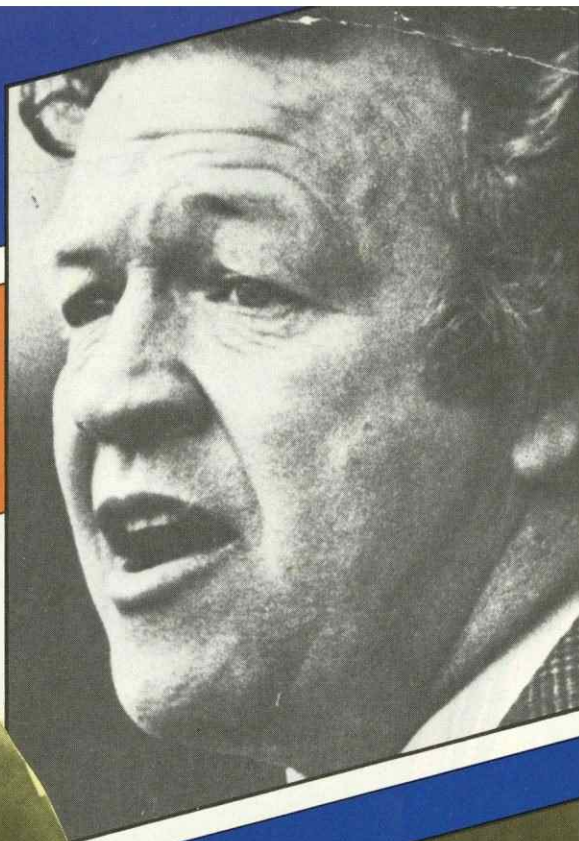
'I'LL BE FEELING FOR BOTH TEAMS WHEN THE RESULT COMES THROUGH'



RIGHT: BILLY WITH LUTON  
BELOW: BILLY IN THE STRIPES OF SUNDERLAND



BELOW AND RIGHT: BILLY BINGHAM IN HIS PLAYING DAYS WITH EVERTON



**O**ne pair of Irish eyes will be smiling tonight no matter whether it's Everton or Luton who are Wembley-bound.

And although Northern Ireland team manager Billy Bingham will not be at Villa Park for today's semi-final meeting, he'll be eagerly awaiting the outcome, not minding too much which side wins through to the Final.

For Billy has an interest in both camps this afternoon as a former Luton and Everton player who went on to manage the Goodison Park club a decade ago.

'It's obviously a game with a lot of fascination for me,' he says. 'I've a host of memories of my times at both clubs. But I would not dream of picking out a winner beforehand.'

'As a player I went to a Wembley final with Luton in 1959 and won a Championship medal at Everton in 1963. All I'm hoping for today is a good game. Semi-finals are usually tight affairs with little either way. For one team there's the glory of making it to Wembley... for the other, the desperation of getting so near, but just missing out. I'll be feeling for both teams when the result comes through.'

Billy Bingham was already an established international winger when he joined Luton from Sunderland for a £15,000 fee in 1958.

He totalled 87 League games for the club, scoring 27 goals but probably none was more important than his semi-final replay winner against Norwich at St Andrew's in 1959.

'Getting to Wembley where we lost to Nottingham Forest was obviously the highspot of my time at Kenilworth Road,' he recalls.

'I suppose I was at my peak around then. We had a fair side at Luton. Skipper Syd Owen and goalkeeper Ron Baynham were England internationals, Allan Brown had played for Scotland and George Cummins was an Eire cap. We were a useful team that at one stage topped the First Division table.'

After two years at Luton Billy moved on to Goodison Park for a £30,000 fee, although Arsenal were also in the running to sign him. His appearance and goal records on Merseyside were almost identical to his Luton statistics and he was a key figure in the Everton team that lifted the League title in the 1962-63 season.

'Johnny Carey was manager when I

went to Everton and he almost took me away after he'd moved on to Forest. I was on the point of going to Nottingham when I broke a leg and eventually I went to Port Vale.' Billy returned to Goodison Park as manager for four years in the mid-70s after spells at Southport, Plymouth, in charge of the Irish side and then Greece.

'I took over from the late Harry Catterick after the club had gone through a couple of lean seasons. Liverpool's great run of success was growing on Merseyside and although we got into Europe one season when I was there and also reached the League Cup semi-finals, the pressure was always on us from the side across Stanley Park and I was really doing a holding operation.'

After managing Mansfield Town, Billy took over the Irish side for a second term and in 1982 guided them on a wave of euphoria to the quarter-finals of the World Cup in Spain.

Although still living on the Merseyside coast at Southport, Billy does not see a great deal of Everton.

'What I do know of them having watched them on occasions and seen them on television is that they are a fine all round side, very strong at the back and perhaps a little like the Irish team in that they have no particular individual stars. They work hard for each other and over the last 12 months or so they've developed that winning habit which all successful teams build up.'

'I know a little bit about Luton because Mal Donaghy is an important member of the Irish team. They've struggled a bit in the League this season but on their day they are capable of turning it on against the best. I'm a little biased but I rate Donaghy highly. He's done a marvellous job for Northern Ireland in recent seasons, playing in a variety of positions and Brian Stein is another Luton player who always impresses me. He had a problem or two with injuries earlier in the season but seems to be back to top form.'

That's the unbiased Billy Bingham run-down on today's teams but still the Irish manager will not be drawn on a likely winner this afternoon.

'Everton are the bigger club but Luton always had a nice, homely atmosphere. I think most players tend to look for and follow the results of clubs they've been associated with and although I will not be at Villa Park, I'll be more than a little interested in hearing who'll be going to Wembley.'

## DID YOU KNOW?

### SIX SHOOTER

● Billy Bingham the classy winger was not noted for regular goalscoring exploits — he was a provider rather than a taker of chances — but his six of the best were a smash hit with Hatters' fans in 1959, the last time they reached the FA Cup semi-finals.

The last of those six was the goal that took Luton to Wembley, in the semi-final replay at St Andrews in March. A clean strike in the 55th minute, from a pass by Bob Morton, finally disposed of brave Third Division Norwich. Luton played eight matches to reach Wembley, and Bingham scored in five of them.

He got two in the 5-1 home victory over Leeds in the third round and one in a fourth round tie at Leicester, where it was a 1-1 draw.

Luton won the replay 4-1 (Brown 3, Gregory) and Bingham got on target again in a 5-2 Luton win at Ipswich in the fifth round.

Blackpool felt his striking accuracy in the sixth round at Bloomfield Road, although a last-minute equaliser by Ray Charnley took that one to a replay.

Allan Brown got the goal that beat Blackpool at Kenilworth Road, and scored again in the 1-1 draw against Norwich at White Hart Lane.

That made Brown and Bingham joint top scorers for Luton in the Cup that season, but even Allan Brown enjoyed the moment when Bingham got the semi-final replay winner.

### UNLUCKY FOR SOME?

Everton have played 13 FA Cup ties since their last defeat in the competition, a sixth round tie against Manchester United in 1983 when they went down 1-0. The sides they've met and beaten in the competition since then are: Stoke City, Gillingham (three games), Shrewsbury Town, Notts County, Southampton, Watford (last season's Final), Leeds United, Doncaster Rovers, Telford United, Ipswich Town (two games).



# MAGIC MATCH

MEMORIES FROM THE 1959 SEMI-FINAL TIE WHEN LUTON MET NORWICH

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION

SEMI-FINAL REPLAYED TIE

Norwich City

v.

Luton Town

at St. Andrew's Ground, Birmingham

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18th, 1959

KICK-OFF 2.30 p.m.

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ALLAN BROWN HEADS LUTON INTO THE LEAD AGAINST NORWICH AT WHITE HART LANE

little lucky to still be in the game at that stage. Norwich had put us under a fair amount of pressure but we'd held out and I had drifted into the middle from the right-wing. Bob Morton put over the cross which landed on my left foot which certainly wasn't my strongest. I caught it just right though and the ball went in from some way out. It was a fabulous moment. I had scored in every round and the only disappointment was that I could not maintain this record when we went on to Wembley to play Nottingham Forest.

Three weeks before the Final we beat Forest 5-2 in a League match and I scored twice, but we were never really in it at Wembley although they lost Roy Dwight with a broken leg and were down to 10 men for a long time.

For two of Luton's players in the side that beat Norwich that March afternoon, the game was particularly significant.

Both captain Syd Owen and goalkeeper Ron Baynham were Birmingham men. Both were also England internationals and as Syd recalls today, getting to Wembley on your 'home' pitch was a little bit special.

Says Syd who hung up his boots immediately after the Forest Final but who became an important part of Don Revie's famous backroom team at Leeds a decade later and also returned to St Andrew's as coach: 'I had started my career at St Andrew's before moving on to Luton and Ron was from Erdington, so the

ground where we played that semi-final was special for both of us. Norwich gave us a hard time over the two games. We probably shaded them in the first game at Tottenham but they were possibly the better side in the replay. 'We battled through in the end though and getting to Wembley made a marvellous climax to my career although it was a big disappointment losing to Forest in the Final.'

Syd did take the Footballer of the Year award for that season though and still has a copy of the St Andrew's semi-final replay programme among his soccer souvenirs.

As for Brian Swain, he'll be back in the Midlands this afternoon hoping for a Luton win today although from the comparative neutrality of the Villa Park Press Box.

After completing his National Service Brian concentrated on journalism for his career, is now Sports Editor of the *Luton News* and reports on the Kenilworth Road club.

'We were possibly the best-dressed set of supporters ever to get to Wembley,' he recalls. 'There were strawboaters everywhere for the Forest match. And two days after the Final, I was posted off to Cyprus.'

More than a quarter of a century later, the modern Hatters stand on the Wembley threshold again and the strawboater makers of the Bedfordshire town will be hoping for another boost for business if Town can match the success of their last semi-final visit to Birmingham.

**I**t was the year the Canary was finally knocked off its perch by the Hatters. The season when the famous strawboater

manufacturers in Bedfordshire hit production records as Luton Town went to Wembley.

1959 . . . and the Hatters from Kenilworth Road found Third Division giant-killers Norwich City standing in their way of a first ever appearance in the FA Cup Final. Norwich, from the quiet footballing backwaters of East Anglia, had taken the Cup by storm with famous victories on their tight Carrow Road pitch against First

Division giants Manchester United, Tottenham and Sheffield United. Their 'On the Ball City' battle hymn seemed set to echo around Wembley when they came up against Luton in the semi-final at White Hart Lane.

It was the First Division club though that had the better of the match at Tottenham and led for a while when Scottish international Allan Brown headed in Irish winger Billy Bingham's cross.

Norwich, whose homespun heroes, captained by Ron Ashman, had become sporting legends, battled back to level through Brennan and the match ended at 1-1. Four days later and it was Birmingham City's St Andrew's ground that staged the replay on the afternoon of Wednesday 18th March 1959.

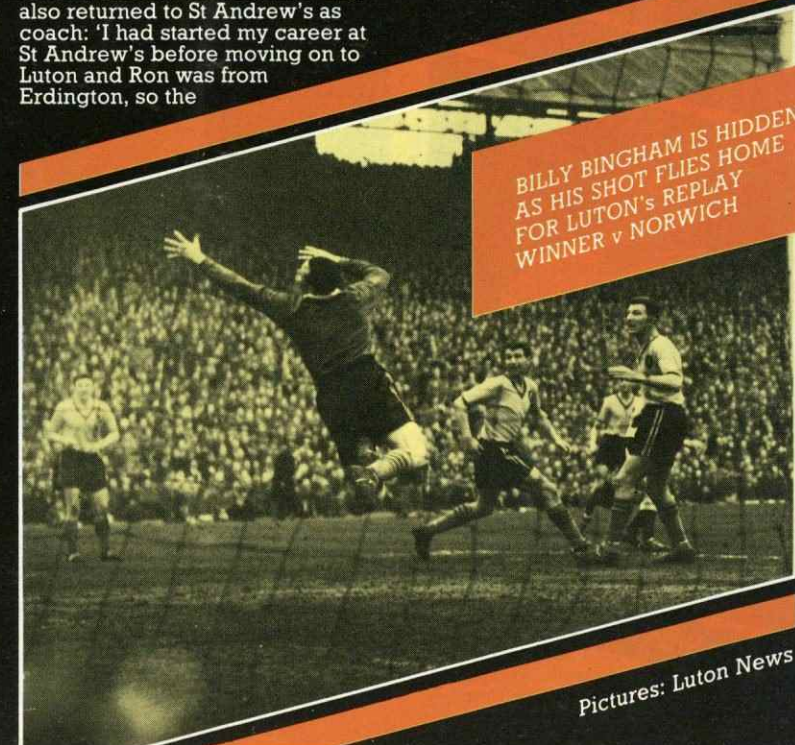
In the 49,000 crowd that day was Brian Swain, then a 20-year-old National Serviceman on leave before being posted to Cyprus. He has no problems recalling the events of the afternoon when Luton got to Wembley.

'It seemed as though everyone in Luton had made their way to Birmingham. The atmosphere was amazing and although the match was no classic by any means, if you were a Luton supporter, it was a game to savour.

'Norwich's centre-forward Terry Bly was very much their danger man. He'd scored goals all through their famous Cup run yet in the replay, Luton centre-half Syd Owen had him in his pocket. It's true that Norwich had the better of the game but 10 minutes into the second-half Luton scored and the cheers must have been heard back in Bedfordshire.'

The goal was hammered in by Bingham, now Northern Ireland's team manager.

'To be honest,' he says, 'we were a



BILLY BINGHAM IS HIDDEN AS HIS SHOT FLIES HOME FOR LUTON'S REPLAY WINNER v NORWICH

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### All Luton Stopped Work To Cheer

#### This Great Victory

MID BEDS M.P.-"I STAY ON"

Meeting With Executive

CONTRARY to persistent rumours, Mr Alan Lennox Boyd, Colonial Secretary and M.P. for Mid-Bedfordshire, is not to retire from politics. There was applause when he

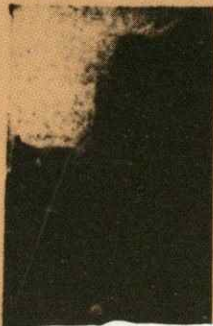
JOYOUS SCENES AS TOWN WIN THROUGH TO WEMBLEY

NEVER before have Luton got into the F.A. Cup Final—and never before have there

#### Manor House Fire

FIREMEN from Shifford, Biggleswade and Bedford fought a blaze on Saturday which severely damaged the 400-year-old Meppershall Manor. Within a quarter of an hour of the outbreak being found, flames were breaking through the roof of the centre part of the house, having started in the main entrance hall and spread up the stairs.

The fire was under control in about an hour and a half, but not before much of the





# TEAM TALK

Birmingham-born **IAN ATKINS** grew up as an Aston Villa supporter, and even when he joined Shrewsbury Town, he frequently came here to watch Andy Gray! The Villa link seems to have popped up throughout the 28-year-old defender's career. He was Shrewsbury's top scorer when Graham Turner, now the Villa manager, sold him to Sunderland and he actually made his debut for the Roker club on this ground in August 1982. He later became Sunderland's captain, but after a knee injury in pre-season training last summer, he eventually joined Everton for £70,000 in November.

**JIM ARNOLD**, currently the number two goalkeeper at Goodison, is no stranger to Wembley matters — he played there twice, winning and losing, with Stafford Rangers in the FA Trophy Final. In those days, he worked as a trainee accountant with Stafford Council, and he was 29 before he played in the League for Blackburn Rovers, who were managed by the present Everton boss, Howard Kendall. When Mr Kendall moved to Merseyside in 1981, Arnold followed in a £175,000 transfer.

**JOHN BAILEY** played at left-back in Everton's three trips to Wembley last year — Milk Cup, FA Cup and FA Charity Shield — but the 28-year-old Liverpoolian lost his place to Pat Van den Hauwe this season. A quick, skilful defender, he made his name with Blackburn and was signed for Everton by Gordon Lee for £300,000 in 1979. He is the only member of the current Everton staff who played in the 1980 FA Cup semi-final against West Ham at Villa Park. In his second season at Goodison, he won an England 'B' cap against Australia.

**PAUL BRACEWELL** completed a £250,000 transfer from Sunderland in Cup Final week last year and actually made his debut for Everton at Wembley — playing in the side against Liverpool in the FA Charity Shield curtain-raiser this season. Although born in the Merseyside area — at Heswall on the Wirral — he first signed for Stoke City, making his debut at 17 and captaining them at 20. He was an England Under-21 regular by the time he joined Sunderland in 1983, and, this season, he won his 13th Under-21 cap, leading the side as an over-age player in Turkey. Now 22, he was one of the six nominations for the PFA's Young Player of the Year award.

**TERRY CURRAN** enjoyed a Champagne celebration of his 30th birthday on Everton's flight home from their European quarter-final success in Holland last month. That match was one of several recently in which the talented Yorkshireman filled in as a striker, although he was known as a specialist winger in his service with six previous clubs. When he was with Sheffield Wednesday, he was their top scorer in a Third Division campaign. Everton first signed him on loan from Sheffield United in 1982 and went back to Bramall Lane to complete a full deal in September 1983.

**ANDY GRAY** first exploded on to the English stage on moving from Dundee United to Aston Villa nearly 10 years ago. During his time with Villa, he won a League Cup medal in the season which he landed a unique PFA double as their



**KEVIN RATCLIFFE**

Players' Player and Young Player of the Year. His subsequent transfer to Wolves set a British record of around £1.2m but Everton snapped him up for only £200,000 in November 1983. Capped 19 times by Scotland, the 29-year-old striker has twice scored in winning sides at Wembley — for Wolves in the League Cup and for Everton in last year's FA Cup. Incidentally, he still has connections in Birmingham, for his brother, Duncan, keeps a public house in the Sheldon area.

For several years, **ALAN HARPER** was a reserve player with Liverpool, watching his illustrious clubmates winning major honours. Then he joined Everton in 1983 — and finished his first year with three medals, although, much to his disappointment, he was substitute in three visits to Wembley. His favourite position is right-back, but he has played in numerous roles for Everton. Perhaps his highlight was in scoring his first League goal for the club — against Liverpool last season!

**ADRIAN HEATH**, sadly, will only be a spectator this afternoon. The 24-year-old striker is out for the rest of the season following a knee ligaments operation in December. At that early stage, he had scored 13 goals this term, making a total of 28 in the calendar year of 1984. He is Everton's record signing, costing around £700,000 from Stoke City in January 1982. Within a few months of arriving at Goodison, he helped England win the European Under-21 Championship.

**DEREK MOUNTFIELD**, like Bracewell and Gary Stevens, emulated Heath by winning a European Under-21 Championship medal last season. The tall, commanding centre-half was a bargain signing at £30,000 from Tranmere Rovers in 1982, and after spending one season in the reserves at Goodison, he emerged last year as successor to Mark Higgins, the former captain who was forced into early retirement by a pelvic injury. Mountfield was only 21 when he played in the FA Cup Final and he marked his next birthday by winning an England 'B' cap in November.

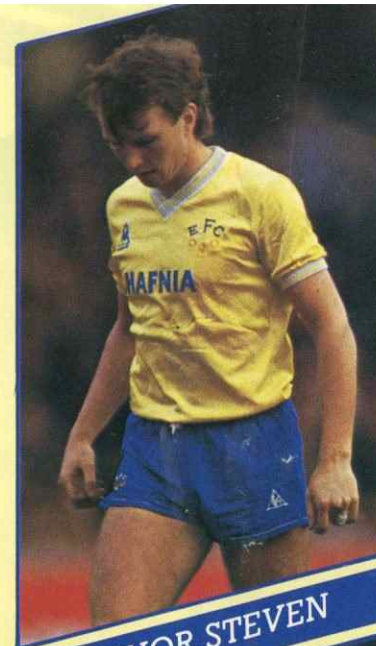
**KEVIN RATCLIFFE** will always remember last season. He was appointed captain of both Wales and Everton — and became the first Goodison skipper to receive a major trophy in 14 years. The 24-year-old defender has been with Everton since leaving school in North Wales, and already he has 31 full caps — only eight short of the Everton club record set by Alan Ball. He is rated among the quickest defenders in the game and was a nomination for the recent PFA Player of the Year award.

The PFA title actually went to Goodison teammate **PETER REID** for his outstanding midfield performances since overcoming numerous injuries to launch a new career with Everton. Although born on Merseyside, he began with Bolton, captaining the England Under-21 team and winning a Second Division Championship medal before he spent four years on and off the casualty list. He had two serious knee injuries and broke a leg and a knee-cap. He joined Everton for £60,000 in December 1982 but did not command a regular place until the club's great revival began last season. He is now 28.

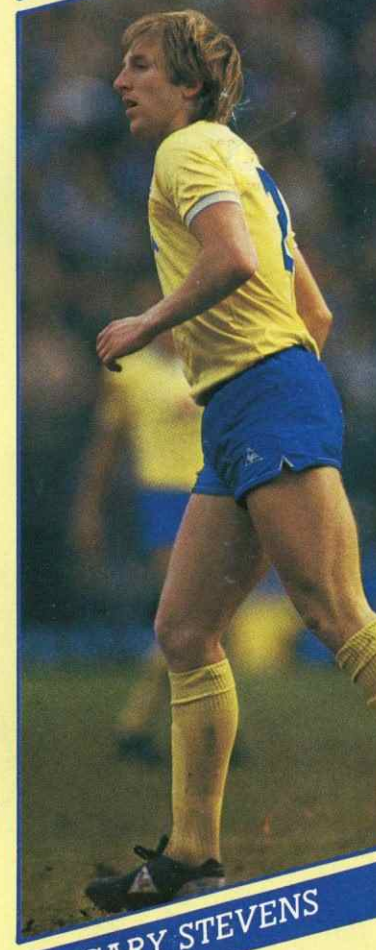
**KEVIN RICHARDSON** scored a vital semi-final goal which clinched Everton's first Wembley visit last season and later won an FA Cup medal as deputy for the injured Kevin Sheedy. The 22-year-old Geordie then had a rough time with a foot injury which eventually required an operation and it was only recently that he returned to the first team — scoring here at Villa Park last month.

**GRAEME SHARP** has enjoyed a marvellous 12 months since he was left out of last season's FA Cup semi-final. The Scottish striker bounced back to score the first goal in the Final against Watford and is now among the leading scorers in the First Division. Still only 24, he has been with Everton for five years since a six-figure transfer from Dumbarton. So far, he has just one Under-21 cap — scoring against England in 1982 — but he had to miss a recent call-up as an over-age player through injury.

**KEVIN SHEEDY** was Everton's unlucky man when an ankle injury in the Milk Cup Final forced him to miss the next two trips to Wembley, but he has confirmed his recovery this season. From his midfield position on the left-wing, he has scored more than 10 goals for the third season in succession since his £100,000 transfer from Liverpool. Although born in Wales, the 25-year-old stylist is qualified for the Republic of Ireland and won his first caps last season. He was recognised in the 1985 PFA awards with a place in the Select First Division line-up.



**TREVOR STEVEN**



**GARY STEVENS**

**NEVILLE SOTHALL** is now talked of in favourable comparison with Peter Shilton after his consistently brilliant goalkeeping in the last two seasons. The 26-year-old Welshman is an automatic choice for his country, yet it was not until 1980 that he emerged from a long tour of non-League duty with Bangor City, Llandudno Rangers, Conwy United and Winsford United. Bury then gave him his big breakthrough and after only one season in the Fourth Division, he joined Everton for £150,000. He won the first of his 21 full caps in 1982.

**TREVOR STEVEN'S** first season after a £300,000 transfer from Burnley threatened to be a personal disappointment until he regained his place in time for last year's FA Cup semi-final. Since then, his career has only gone forward — starting with a Cup-Winners' medal, then an Under-21 cap and a full England debut against Northern Ireland in February. The 21-year-old winger (or midfield player, as he prefers to be known) is in double figures as a goalscorer this season and was third in the PFA Young Player of the Year voting.

**GARY STEVENS** was yet another Everton-based nomination for the Young Player award, and, like his near-namesake, he has enjoyed startling progress in the last year. He won his first Under-21 cap immediately after the Cup Final and has since played for England 'B', as well as receiving a call-up into the senior international squad. The 22-year-old right-back hails from Barrow-in-Furness and joined Everton straight from school.

One day last September, **PAT VAN DEN HAUWE** was resting at his home in the Birmingham area. Four hours later, he was in Liverpool — and signed on as an Everton player in a £100,000 deal with Birmingham City. After twice playing in a relegated team at St Andrews, the Belgian-born full-back couldn't wait to join Everton's three-pronged attack on major honours. His elevation was soon noticed by Belgium, but after being invited to play for their Under-21 side as an over-age player, he had to withdraw because of the risk of being conscripted to the Belgian Army.

**PAUL WILKINSON** completed a remarkable double in the space of three days last month — he scored on his debut for the England Under-21 team and then moved from Grimsby Town to Everton for £250,000. The Lincolnshire-born six-footer was Grimsby's top scorer this season with 18 goals, including one which knocked his new club out of the Milk Cup! However, he cannot make amends in the FA Cup because he is ineligible, having appeared for Grimsby in the competition.

Everton's busy programme has meant occasional opportunities for younger players. **JOHN MORRISSEY**, 20-year-old son of former Goodison favourite John Snr., made his debut as substitute in a European tie last October, while **ROB WAKENSHAW**, a 19-year-old Geordie who averages a goal-a-game in the Central League team, has also appeared as a substitute in the Cup-Winners' Cup. He scored on his League debut against Manchester United last season.



# Pat Van Den Hauwe

**P**at Van den Hauwe kicked off this season a few miles from Villa Park hoping to be part of Birmingham City's promotion challenge from the Second Division.

Today, Everton's Belgian-born defender is a key figure in Howard Kendall's treble-chasing team which just goes to prove that a lot can happen in football in a short space of time.

A move to Goodison Park in September turned Pat's career inside out and now he stands within a whisker of Wembley which prompts the question . . . has a Belgian-born player ever played in the FA Cup Final?

Pat's not sure about the answer to that but he does acknowledge that his footballing fortunes have changed dramatically since he started the season lining up in Birmingham's side at Oldham. 'I enjoyed my time at St Andrew's and owe a lot to Ron Saunders who converted me into a left-back,' he says. 'The move to Everton came completely out of the blue but I didn't need to think twice about signing.'

'One minute I was a Birmingham player hoping that we might get back into the First Division after relegation last year . . . the next I was at Goodison Park,' he reflects. Pat had played in most of the defensive positions before he settled down as a full-back. 'It was hard at first because I'm not a natural left-footed player. But I worked at my game and I now enjoy the role.'

The fact that he is very much part and parcel of Everton's challenge for League and Cup honours on two fronts indicates how quickly



Van den Hauwe settled in on Merseyside. He admitted earlier in the season that he thought he would have to wait for his chance in the Goodison Park side but within a couple of weeks of his move from the Midlands he made his debut at Arsenal and he has been Everton's regular number three since. Born at Dendermonde with a Belgian father who used to be a professional player, and an English mother, Pat moved to London with his family when he was five and first caught the eye playing in schoolboy football. Chelsea were interested in signing him and he played for the Stamford Bridge youth side before Birmingham took him on as an apprentice and in 1978 he made his League debut for City when he was only 17.

Although Birmingham were relegated at the end of that season, they climbed straight back into the top flight and stayed there for three seasons, albeit by the skin of their teeth, until dropping down again last May.

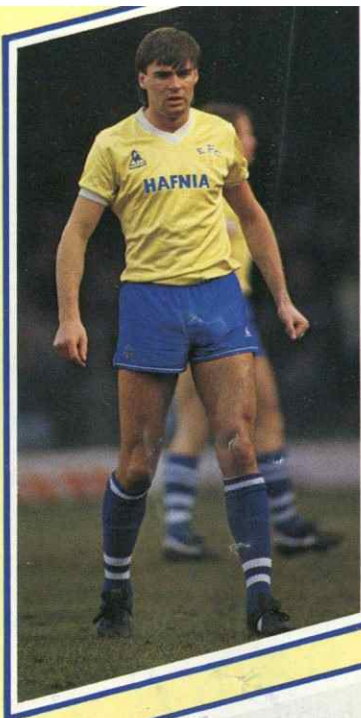
'We should have climbed clear of trouble,' reflects Pat. 'We had plenty of chances to have picked up points, in fact at one stage we were well placed in mid-table. But we had a bad run towards the end

**'I ENJOYED MY TIME AT ST ANDREWS AND OWE A LOT TO RON SAUNDERS'**

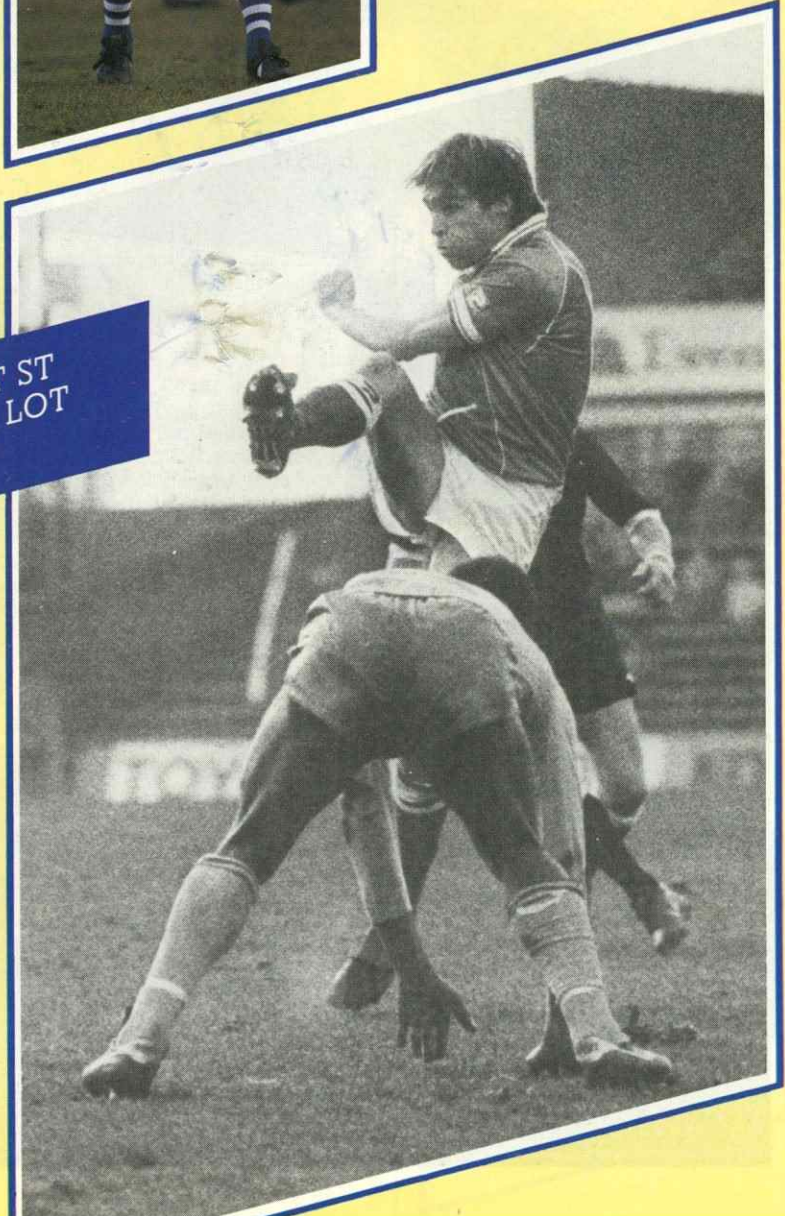
of the season and a defeat by Liverpool in a match we should have won, cost us dearly.' Playing alongside Pat in the Blues side last season was a man he is likely to come up against this afternoon . . . Luton striker Mick Harford.

'It's funny how things work out,' says Pat. 'Last year Mick and I played on the same side in an FA Cup quarter-final against Watford at St Andrew's, now 12 months and one round of the competition later we are likely to face each other for a place at Wembley.'

'We were good friends at Birmingham and I've spoken to Mick since we went our separate ways. No doubt we'll be having a chat together after today's game.' Pat could hardly have dreamed a year ago that he would be part of a side going for the League title,



let alone through to the semi-finals of the FA and European Cup-Winners' Cups this season . . . and a year ago it didn't seem likely that international honours would come his way either. But now he stands a good chance of breaking through into the Belgian squad. The Everton full-back has been asked about his international qualification by the Belgian authorities and the chances are that he will get his chance before too long. An international cap to add to the domestic honours Pat is hoping to collect in the last few weeks of the season would really put the icing on the cake for the man who around 11 months ago was facing up to life in the Second Division.







Ted Sagar with his wife Dorothy and the scroll presented to Everton shareholders to commemorate 24 years as a player at Goodison Park.

**L**uton Town were very much the Cup underdogs with ambitious ideas of becoming giant-killers when they set off for Goodison Park to play an FA Cup quarter-final tie 52 years ago.

Town were a not-particularly-successful Third Division South side who had threatened briefly to put in a promotion challenge the previous season but who'd struggled for much of the 1932-33 campaign.

Everton, on the other hand, were reigning Football League Champions after winning the title by two points from Arsenal in 1932 and although they were out of touch with League leaders Arsenal and nearest challengers Aston Villa and Sheffield Wednesday in 1933, the Goodison club had reached the sixth round stage of the FA Cup without too many worries and were odds-on favourites to put the Division Three upstarts in their place.

As events turned out, the form

# FLASHBACK!

book was spot on. Luton only rarely threatened to cause an upset at Goodison Park and in the end Everton cruised smoothly through to the semi-finals, winning 6-0.

Just establishing himself in the Everton side at the time was Ted Sagar who was to set a club record of 463 League appearances in a 24-year playing career at Goodison.

Ted, now 75, played four times for England in the mid-'30s and clearly remembers Everton's run to Wembley in 1933: 'We'd won the League the previous season and got to Wembley without too many problems.

'To be honest, Luton did not cause us too many worries in the quarter-final match at Goodison. They battled hard and never gave up but we were a class above them and won very convincingly. I can't remember where our goals came from but I'm sure Dixie Dean must have knocked in one or two.

'He was a fabulous player. People seem to think he was only good in the air but he was a tremendous all-round player, a superb header of a

ball and just as deadly, with both feet, on the ground when a chance came up.'

Everton's side in that era had all round strength. Says Ted: 'We had a strong defence that gave nothing away and we had players in almost every position, capable of scoring goals. The side stuck together for several seasons and a few of us played in the team that won the title again in the 1938-39 season.'

Ted went on to the Everton groundstaff after finally hanging up his boots in 1953 and then went into the licensed trade before retiring.

He now lives at Aintree with his wife Dorothy, whom he married the week after Everton had clinched the 1952 League title and he's as keen as ever on following Everton's fortunes on television.

'They're a good side these days,' he says. 'Probably not as strong as we were when we won the League and Cup in successive seasons back in the '30s. But they're a young side who can develop and progress over the next few seasons. I'll be keeping an ear on how they're getting on at Villa Park today and it would be nice to think they can repeat the win we had against Luton in the Cup all those years ago.'

Everton's route to that quarter-final tie with Luton began at Leicester in the third round and a 3-2 win. Bury, doing well in the Second Division at the time, were beaten 3-1 in the fourth round and then Leeds United, promoted from Division Two the previous season, were put out 2-0 at Goodison.

The semi-finals paired Everton with struggling Second Division side West Ham at Wolves' Molineux ground and again Everton made sure there would be no upsets, winning through to Wembley 2-1.

Manchester City beat Derby 3-2 in the other semi-final at Huddersfield and in a one-sided Final, Everton lifted the Cup with something to spare, beating City 3-0 with goals from Stein, Dean and Dunn.

Everton's winning Wembley side back in 1933 was: Sagar, Cook, Cresswell, Britton, White, Thomson, Geldard, Dunn, Dean, Johnston and Stein.

On duty for City was a man who will be an interested onlooker at today's Goodison Park semi-final, Matt Busby. Although there was a Wembley disappointment for Sir Matt in 1933, the following year he was back at the Final and this time ended on the winning side as Manchester City defeated Portsmouth 2-1.

# DID YOU KNOW?

## TWO'S COMPANY

From Wembley Town to Everton to Wembley... that's the path that BBC Radio Two's Sport on Two programme will take to Wembley this season. Back in the early months of the season, Sport on Two latched on to non-League Wembley Town at the start of the qualifying rounds of the competition. And they've featured the round-by-round winner ever since, moving on from Wembley Town to AP Leamington then VS Rugby before Northampton Town gave them their first League side in the Cup. When Northampton went out to Brentford, Sport on Two followed the Griffin Park club to Oldham in the third round, then Oldham to Sheffield Wednesday in round four, Wednesday to Ipswich in the fifth round and Ipswich to Everton in the quarter-finals. Now it's the FA Cup holders who bring Sport on Two's Wembley to Wembley feature up to date but will it be Everton or Luton who round things off at Wembley on 18th May?

## TWO-WAY RECORD

The last time Luton Town played in an FA Cup semi-final they had the proud record of never having been relegated in their history. Today, as they celebrate their centenary, they hold another unique place in football's list of oddities and unusual facts — they are the only club to have completed the two-way journey from First Division down to Fourth, then all the way back again to the top flight. Their slide started a year after their 1959 Wembley appearance, when they were relegated from the First Division. They slumped to the Fourth Division by 1965 — despite the efforts of a younger winger named David Pleat — and began the long haul back by taking the Fourth Division Championship in 1968. They returned to the First Division in 1974, but stayed up for only one season, before David Pleat built the team that won the Second Division Championship three years ago.

## EVERTON RECORD

Everton set an FA Cup record when they step out on to Villa Park this afternoon for their 20th semi-final appearance. That's one more than West Bromwich Albion and three more than today's host club Aston Villa. Surprisingly though, in view of their record in reaching the last four of the competition, Everton have played only two previous semi-final ties at Villa Park since the War... losing 1-0 to Manchester City in 1969 and drawing 1-1 here with West Ham five years ago.



**E**verton's challenge for League and Cup honours on three fronts this season will be determined in the next few weeks. But whatever

# HOWARD KENDALL

*happens over the closing weeks of the season, the Goodison Park club intend being in the hunt for titles and trophies for many seasons to come.*

That's the warning manager Howard Kendall hands out to the rest of the country's clubs as he brings his Everton side to Villa Park this afternoon chasing their fourth Wembley appearance inside 14 months.

'We've a young side who've done superbly well in the last year or so but we have set high standards and we are always looking for improvement,' he says.

'That means going for continuity and building long-term. Liverpool are an example for us all for the way they've maintained their challenge year after year. Some clubs have a peak season but then fade away. We aim to build something at Everton that will last for the foreseeable future.'

It's a sign of the club's determined approach to stay where they are now... on top of the First Division and with their sights set on reaching both the European Cup Winners' Cup and FA Finals. Since arriving at Goodison in May 1981 after serving his managerial apprenticeship at Blackburn, Kendall has brought the glory days back to Goodison Park. In 1984 Everton claimed the title of the League's most successful club winning the Cup and heading the table for League results between January and December.

And they took a firm grasp on this season's League title with their 2-1 win against nearest challengers Tottenham at White Hart Lane just 10 days ago.

It says much for the quality and strength of the Goodison Park squad that they have maintained their bid for a remarkable treble this season despite injuries to key players like Adrian Heath, missing since early December with ligament trouble, and for a shorter spell, Eire midfielder Kevin Sheedy.

'Yes, we've a strong squad,' agrees Kendall. 'We could even afford to leave out Kevin Richardson, who'd been our two goal match winner at Southampton a fortnight ago, for the game at Tottenham. But strength in depth is all part of building a successful side for the short and long term.'



The Everton boss has a vote of confidence for their semi-final opponents this afternoon. 'Although they're struggling in the League, I don't think Luton will go down,' he says. 'They seem to be getting their game together and David Pleat has made some good buys bringing experienced players like Harford, Foster and Nicholas to the club.'

'We've a healthy respect for Luton this afternoon. Semi-finals are usually tight, close fought affairs with not many goals in it. The team that takes the rare chances that come along will get to Wembley and we're determined to be in the driving seat.'

Everton were the first side to get past the third round stage back in early January when they played a televised game at Leeds on the Friday evening before the rest of the round got into action.

'It was a difficult match for us on paper,' says Kendall. 'Leeds have a good balance of young players and old hands like Peter Lorimer and Frank Gray and Neville Southall had to make a crucial save from a free-kick early on. But we were never really in trouble after that and came up with the goals just before half-time and the end.'

'Doncaster came to Goodison in the next round. That was a game we were expected to win and we got through without too many worries. The same was true against Telford in the fifth round. I watched both their matches against Darlington the previous round and they'd played well and scored some tremendous goals to win the replay. On the day at Goodison they were tough opponents.'

Everton's quarter-final with Ipswich gave the Cup holders their biggest scare in their run of 13 unbeaten ties. 'For the

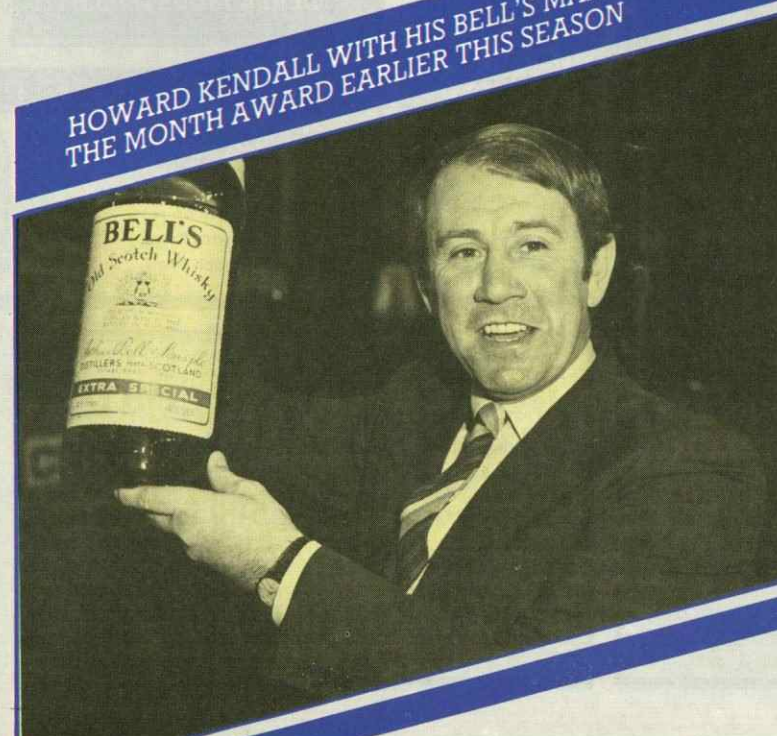
first 15 or 20 minutes we played some of the best football I can remember,' says Kendall. 'We took the lead with a marvellous free-kick from Sheedy but then Ipswich hit us with two goals to lead at half-time. I began to think may be it was to be their day but Derek Mountfield forced an equaliser late on and we beat them in the replay at Portman Road after Russell Osman handled and Sharp scored from the spot.'

'Apart from that time when we were behind to Ipswich at Goodison, probably the nearest we've been to going out of the Cup over the last two seasons was at Gillingham last year when Neville Southall made a vital save from Cascarino. Those couple of occasions apart, we've generally always been in control and that's what we are hoping to maintain against Luton today.' The Everton manager has experienced both the joy and heartbreak on semi-finals day at Villa Park and he knows that the loser's dressing room is not the place to be when the final whistle blows... so close to Wembley yet a million miles away.

Kendall was in the Everton line-up beaten by Manchester City in 1969 but he had watched Preston win through to Wembley five years before against Swansea and was in the Deepdale side that lost to West Ham in the Final. Last season, Kendall's Everton won through to the Milk Cup Final at Villa Park, beaten 1-0 on the night by Villa, but winners 2-1 on aggregate.

'It's a tremendous ground for a match like today's,' says the Everton boss who is hoping he'll be Wembley bound once again around a quarter-to-five this afternoon.

## HOWARD KENDALL WITH HIS BELL'S MANAGER OF THE MONTH AWARD EARLIER THIS SEASON



## DID YOU KNOW?

### MIXED MEMORIES

*Everton manager Howard Kendall has mixed semi-final memories of Villa Park.*

Twenty-one years ago he watched from the stands as Second Division Preston reached Wembley with a 2-1 win against Swansea on the Villa ground. A few weeks later Kendall became the youngest player to have appeared in a Wembley Final when he played in Preston's 3-2 defeat by West Ham. In 1969 Kendall was in the Everton side beaten 1-0 by Manchester City in the Villa Park semi-final but last season Everton reached the Milk Cup Final by clinching an aggregate win against Villa to take them through to Wembley. West Ham's Paul Allen beat Kendall's record as the youngest Wembley player in the 1980 Final with Arsenal.

### PLAYED FOR BOTH

Northern Ireland team manager Billy Bingham is probably the best-known player to have turned out for both today's semi-finalists... see today's feature on pages 14-15. Two more well-known names to have played for Everton and Luton though are Andy King and Jimmy Husband.

King, who returned to the League game this season with Wolves after a spell in Holland, joined Everton from Luton for a £35,000 fee in 1976. Andy had been an apprentice at Kenilworth Road before making 33 League appearances for the Hatters. With Everton he won two England Under-21 caps before moving on to QPR and West Bromwich Albion. But he returned to Merseyside for two seasons in 1982.

Husband, made the move in reverse. He made his Everton debut in 1965 at Fulham, the first of 165 League games he played for the club. He also won England Youth and Under-23 honours while at Goodison Park and in 1973 he moved to Luton for £70,000. He was Town's leading scorer in the 1975-76 season with 14 goals and played 142 League matches for the club scoring 44 goals, the same number he netted for Everton.



# STATISTICS

## EVERTON — A BRIEF HISTORY

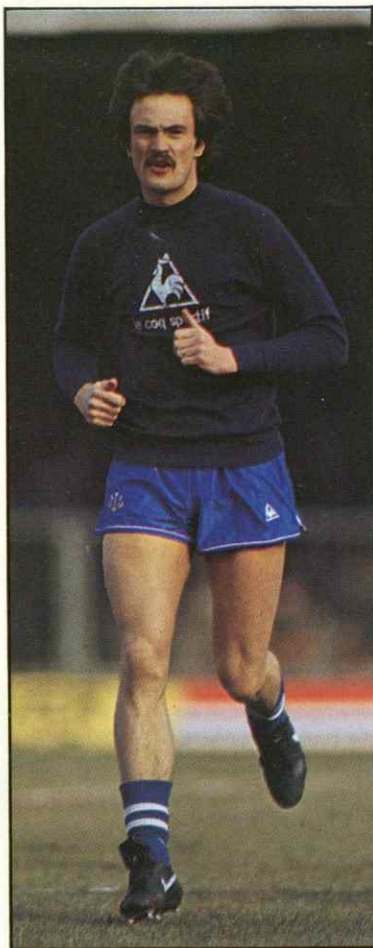
**Formed:** 1878.  
**Entered Football League:** 1888 (founder members).  
**Honours:** League Champions, 1890-91, 1914-15, 1927-28, 1931-32, 1938-39, 1962-63, 1969-70, Runners-up, 1898-90, 1894-95, 1901-02, 1904-05, 1908-09, 1911-12. Second Division Champions, 1930-31, Runners-up, 1953-54. FA Cup winners, 1906, 1933, 1966, 1984, Runners-up, 1893, 1897, 1907, 1968. League Cup runners-up, 1977. Milk Cup runners-up, 1984.  
**Record victory:** 11-2, v Derby County, FA Cup, 1889-90.  
**Most League points:** Two points win, 66, Division One, 1969-70. Three points win, 64, Division One, 1981-82 and 1982-83.  
**Most League goals:** 121, Division Two, 1930-31.  
**Highest League goalscorer in a season:** 60, W. R. ('Dixie') Dean, Division One, 1927-28.  
**Most League appearances:** 463, Ted Sagar, 1929-53.  
**Managers since last War:** Theo Kelly, Cliff Britton, Ian Buchan, Johnny Carey, Harry Catterick, Billy Bingham, Gordon Lee, Howard Kendall (appointed May 1981).

## EVERTON ROLL CALL 1984-85

(Players who have appeared this season)

Player	Birthplace	Previous Clubs	Date Signed	International Honours	League/Cup Apps	Goals
Ian Atkins	Birmingham	Shrewsbury, Sunderland	Nov '84	—	1(2)	—
John Bailey	Liverpool	Blackburn	July '79	England 'B'	17	—
Paul Bracewell	Heswall	Stoke, Sunderland	May '84	England U-21	42	3
Terry Curran	Kinsley	Doncaster, Nott'm Forest, Derby, Southampton, Sheffield Wed, Sheffield Utd	Sept '83	—	8(6)	—
Andy Gray	Glasgow	Dundee Utd, Aston Villa, Wolves	Nov '83	Scotland	18(6)	8
Alan Harper	Liverpool	Liverpool	June '83	—	9(3)	—
Adrian Heath	Stoke	Stoke	Jan '82	England U-21	25	13
John Morrissey	Liverpool	—	*Nov '81	—	—(1)	—
Derek Mountfield	Liverpool	Tranmere	June '82	England 'B'	45	9
Kevin Ratcliffe	—	Mancot	*July '77	Wales	45	—
Peter Reid	Liverpool	Bolton	Dec '82	England U-21	44	4
Kevin Richardson	Newcastle	—	*May '79	—	10(1)	4
Graeme Sharp	Glasgow	Dumbarton	April '80	Scotland U-21	40	24
Kevin Sheedy	Builth Wells	Hereford, Liverpool	Aug '82	Eire	29	13
Neville Southall	Llandudno	Bangor, Winsford, Bury	July '81	Wales	45	—
Trevor Steven	Berwick	Burnley	July '83	England	45	12
Gary Stevens	Barrow	—	June '79	England 'B'	42	4
Pat Van den Hauwe	Dendermonde	Birmingham	Sept '84	—	30	—
Rob Wakenshaw	Ashington	—	June '82	—(2)	—	—
Paul Wilkinson	Louth	Grimsby	March '85	England U-21	—(1)	—

\*Includes League, Milk Cup, FA Cup and European Cup-Winners' Cup.  
 \*Date signed as an apprentice.  
 (All information up to and including Wednesday 3rd April 1985)



DEREK MOUNTFIELD

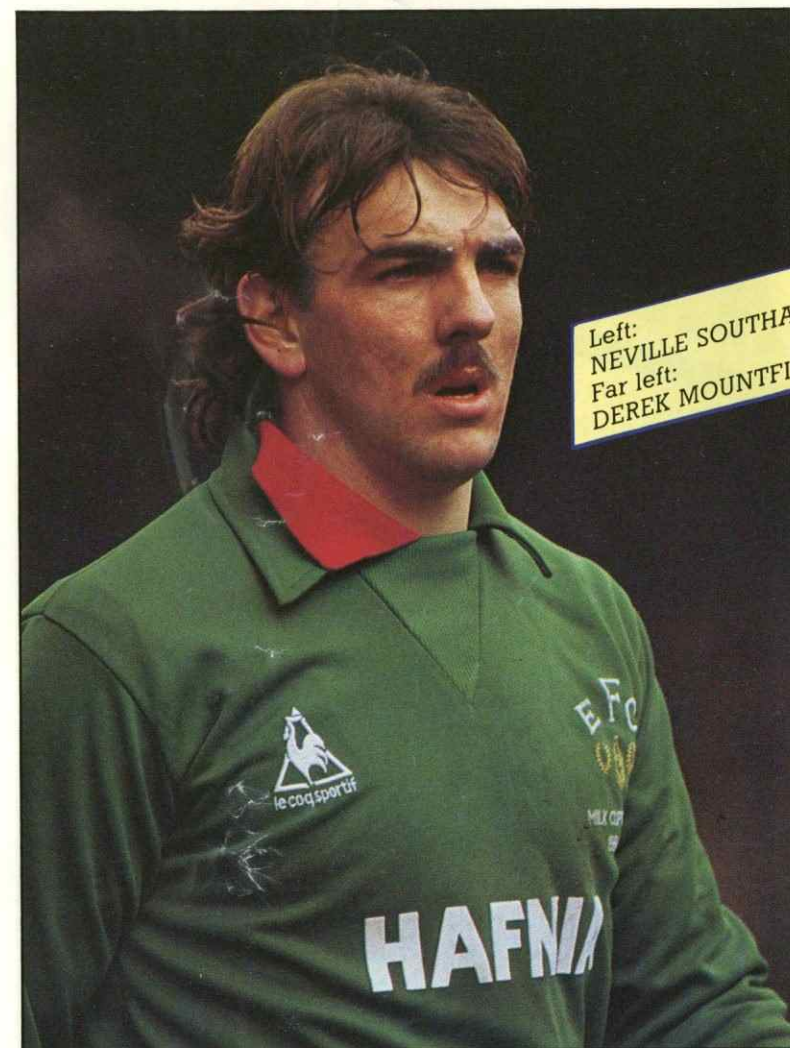
## HOW EVERTON REACHED THIS

Date	V	Opposition	FA	Att
Jan 5	A	Leeds United	2-0	21,211
Jan 26	H	Doncaster Rovers	2-0	37,537
Feb 16	H	Telford United	3-0	47,402
Mar 9	H	Ipswich Town	2-2	36,468
Mar 13	A	Ipswich Town	1-0	27,737

## EVERTON'S LAST 10 SEASONS IN THE FA CUP

<b>Season 1974-75</b>			
3	Altrincham	(H)	1-1
	Altrincham	(OT)	2-0
4	Plymouth	(A)	3-1
5	Fulham	(H)	1-2
<b>Season 1975-76</b>			
3	Derby	(A)	1-2
<b>Season 1976-77</b>			
3	Stoke	(H)	2-0
4	Swindon	(A)	2-2
	Swindon	(H)	2-1
5	Cardiff	(A)	2-1
6	Derby	(H)	2-0
SF	Liverpool	(MR)	2-2
	Liverpool	(MR)	0-3
<b>Season 1977-78</b>			
3	Aston Villa	(H)	4-1
4	Middlesbrough	(A)	2-3
<b>Season 1978-79</b>			
3	Sunderland	(A)	1-2
<b>Season 1979-80</b>			
3	Aldershot	(H)	4-1
4	Wigan	(H)	3-0
5	Wrexham	(H)	5-2
6	Ipswich	(H)	2-1
SF	West Ham	(VP)	1-1
	West Ham	(ER)	1-2
<b>Season 1980-81</b>			
3	Arsenal	(H)	2-0
4	Liverpool	(H)	2-1
5	Southampton	(A)	0-0
	Southampton	(H)	1-0
6	Manchester City	(H)	2-2
	Manchester City	(A)	1-3
<b>Season 1981-82</b>			
3	West Ham	(A)	1-2
<b>Season 1982-83</b>			
3	Newport	(A)	1-1
	Newport	(H)	2-1
4	Shrewsbury	(H)	2-1
5	Tottenham	(H)	2-0
6	Manchester United	(A)	0-1
<b>Season 1983-84</b>			
3	Stoke	(A)	2-0
4	Gillingham	(H)	0-0
	Gillingham	(A)	0-0
	Gillingham	(A)	3-0
5	Shrewsbury	(H)	3-0
6	Notts County	(A)	2-1
SF	Southampton	(H)	1-0
F	Watford	(W)	2-0

Key to Neutral Venues: (OT) Old Trafford; (MR) Maine Road; (VP) Villa Park; (ER) Elland Road; (H) Highbury; (W) Wembley



Left: NEVILLE SOUTHALL  
 Far left: DEREK MOUNTFIELD

## SEASON'S FA CUP SEMI-FINAL AT VILLA PARK

Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
—	Southall	Stevens*	Van d Hauwe	Ratcliffe	Mountfield	Reid	Steven	Gray	Sharp <sup>1</sup>	Bracewell	Sheedy <sup>1</sup>	Atkins
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# ANDY GRAY

LOOKING FORWARD TO A HAT-TRICK OF WEMBLEY WINS



**A**fter a lean spell earlier in the season Andy Gray is back in the goalscoring business and that could spell trouble for Luton Town this afternoon.

The Everton striker scored one of the goals that helped the Goodison team to a vital League win against title challengers Tottenham last week and hit a memorable hat-trick a month ago in a European Cup-Winners' Cup tie against the Dutch side Fortuna Sittard.

'It's always nice to be scoring goals regularly if you are a striker,' says Andy. 'But these things can go in cycles. Earlier in the season I went through a lean spell but even then the team as a whole was scoring and that's the main thing.' Certainly manager Howard Kendall has no doubts about the importance of the man he signed from Wolves 16 months ago. 'Even when he was not scoring regularly, Andy was playing well and helping set chances up for those alongside him. We've a good scoring record this season and, to be honest, I don't mind which of the side puts them away as long as we are creating chances and someone is taking them,' says Kendall.

Andy has something of a personal target as he goes into today's semi-final with a possible second Cup Final appearance in a row waiting just round the corner for Everton. He's twice scored vital goals that have helped sides win at Wembley... the decider for Wolves in a League Cup Final against Nottingham Forest five years ago and Everton's second goal in the FA Cup Final against Watford last May.

'Yes, it would be nice to complete a personal hat-trick in a few week's time but before then, we've got to get past Luton and no-one in the Everton camp is taking today's game lightly,' he says.

'I know they've struggled in the League but I was interested to see that they were second to us in the recent form chart a week ago, before they were beaten at Southampton.

'That shows that they've been putting a useful run together recently and when you look at it, no side gets to a Cup semi-final without being a good team. 'I've been an admirer of players

like Mick Harford and Brian Stein for a while now and I've had a few good battles in my time with Steve Foster. It's anyone's game today and which ever side handles the nerves and pressures that you always get in semi-finals, will be well on their way to the Final. Luton are an attractive side who like to go forward as we do, and I've a feeling the fans are in for a fine game today, possibly better than some semi-finals you get.'

Andy's partnership with fellow Scot Graeme Sharp has been a key factor in Everton's success in the last few months, particularly since he stepped in to fill the gap when Adrian Heath was ruled out for the remainder of the season in early December through ligament trouble.

'I've a lot of sympathy for Adrian who was playing so well at the time. I had the same kind of trouble myself when I was at Villa and being out of the side, particularly when they are doing well, can be a bitter blow. 'But Adrian is still very much part of the Goodison scene and all the lads have tried to keep his spirits up.'

Gray's recent goal run started at Leicester in February when his two goals at Filbert Street included his 100th in the League since moving from Scotland nine seasons ago. Coincidentally, the Leicester match was Andy's first wearing of the number nine shirt since he scored at Newcastle five months previously and since his two goal burst at Filbert Street, he has held on to the number nine shirt with Graeme Sharp wearing number eight.

'I know some players are superstitious about little things like that,' he points out, 'but I'm not. I don't really mind whether I wear eight, nine or 10 and I think it's purely coincidence that I've been getting a few goals recently while in the number nine shirt.'

Andy is looking forward to returning to Villa Park this afternoon, a ground he knows well from his four seasons at Villa at the start of his career in England.

'I enjoyed my time at Villa and probably had my best seasons at Villa Park before my move to Everton last season,' he says. 'I was delighted when I heard our semi-final was being played there. It's a ground that holds a lot of happy memories for me and I'm hoping there'll be one more to add to the list this afternoon.'



GOAL CELEBRATION AFTER ANDY'S LATE WINNER AT LEICESTER IN FEBRUARY



# Wembley Finals...

## FA CHALLENGE TROPHY FINAL

Saturday  
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v  
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**AT WEMBLEY STADIUM**

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Standing £2

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v  
**Halesowen Town**

**AT WEMBLEY STADIUM**

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*Chief Guest:*  
**Bobby Charlton**

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v  
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### THE COMPETITORS

#### Under-12

Danny Williamson, Gainsborough Jnr School, London; Kevin Rogers, Lantern Lane Jnr School, Loughborough; Grant Taylor, Montable JMI School, London; Geoffrey Taylor, Moor Lane Primary School, Chessington; Lee Archer, Grange School for Boys, Bristol.

#### Under-16

Julian Lillington, Wanstead High School, London; Wayne Burnett, John Roan School, London; George Hughes, Wilson Grammar School, Wallington, Surrey; Graham Walters, St Stephen-in-Brannel, St Austell, Cornwall; Nicholas Smith, Berkeley Vale Comm School, Berkeley, Glos; Stephen Smith, Wulfric School, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs.

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# TEAMS

Today's Referee is **Mr John Martin**, an Accounts Manager from Alton, Hampshire. A married man with a teenage son, Mr Martin refereed the FA Trophy Final in 1984 and has been on the line for UEFA Cup games. Running the line today are **Mr K. A. Miller** of Harlow, Essex (*Red Flag*) and **Mr M. D. Reed** from Selly Park, Birmingham (*Yellow Flag*). The reserve linesman is **Mr E. Lomas** of Salford, Manchester.

## TEAM COLOURS

Everton will play in royal blue shirts, white shorts, and blue socks. Luton Town will wear white shirts, navy blue shorts and orange socks.

## SCOREBOARD MESSAGES

Two electronic scoreboards in opposite corners of the ground will provide messages and supply information throughout the afternoon.

## EXTRA TIME

If the score is level after 90 minutes then extra time will be played. Should the score still be level after the 30 minutes extra period then the match will be replayed here at Villa Park on Wednesday 17th April 1985, kick-off 7.45 pm.

LUTON TOWN		EVERTON
LES SEALEY	1	NEVILLE SOUTHALL
TIM BREACKER	2	GARY STEVENS
MITCHELL THOMAS	3	PAT VAN DEN HAUWE
WAYNE TURNER	4	KEVIN RATCLIFFE
STEVE FOSTER	5	DEREK MOUNTFIELD
MAL DONAGHY	6	PETER REID
RICKY HILL	7	TREVOR STEVEN
BRIAN STEIN	8	GRAEME SHARP
MICK HARFORD	9	ANDY GRAY
EMEKA NWAJIOBI	10	PAUL BRACEWELL
GARRY PARKER	11	KEVIN SHEEDY
DAVID MOSS	12	ALAN HARPER

# If there's a REPLAY...

## FA CUP SEMI-FINAL REPLAY AT VILLA PARK — KICK-OFF 7.45 pm WEDNESDAY 17th APRIL 1985

### ASTON VILLA ARRANGEMENTS

In the event of a replay of today's semi-final, Aston Villa's distribution of tickets will be as follows:

In view of the short time between the two matches no postal applications will be accepted. Tickets will be available in the first instance to season ticket holders only, both seated and standing, who may apply for one £7 seat ticket per voucher No. 29 surrendered on Sunday 18th April 1985, between 10.00 am and 12.30 pm from the North Stand Ticket Office. Any remaining tickets will be on sale on Monday 19th April 1985, again to season ticket holders only between 9.15 am and 4.45 pm and an announcement made in the Press that evening, and on the club's answerphone service (021-328 1722), as to the further availability of tickets.

### LUTON TOWN ARRANGEMENTS

Tickets will be placed on general sale on Sunday 14th April at Kenilworth Road offices between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm. Entry to the ground will be via the Century Club entrance. Tickets will be limited to two tickets per person.

### EVERTON ARRANGEMENTS

Everton's allocation of tickets will be available as follows:

Shareholders, 300 and 500 Lounge members one seat at £9 from the Ticket Collection Office (next to Main Enquiry and General Office in Goodison Road), on Sunday 14th April 1985 (9.30 am to 2 pm). Main Stand, Top Balcony and Upper Bullens Stand Season Ticket Holders one seat at £9 or £8 (as available). Lower Bullens and Gwladys Street Stand Season Ticket Holders one seat at £8 all from the Goodison Road Box Office on Sunday 14th April 1985 between 9.30 am to 2 pm. Ground, Paddock and Enclosure Season Ticket Holders one Terrace ticket at £4 from the Bullens Road Box Office on Sunday 14th April 1985 (9.30 am to 2 pm).

Season Ticket Holders must produce Voucher 37 from their Season Ticket books. Shareholders will be required to provide evidence of identity.

Due to the limited time available, it will not be possible to consider postal applications.

Season Ticket Vouchers will only be valid if presented at the advertised times.

Goodison Park Promotions agents should purchase their tickets from the Bullens Road Box Office on Monday 15th April 1985 between 10 am to 6 pm.

The balance of ground tickets at £4 each will go on sale to the holders of Stand ticket stubs and Junior/Adult in the Enclosure stub holders issued at the Arsenal game whose seat/serial numbers end in 3, 4, 5 or 6 from the Goodison Road Box Office on Monday 15th April 1985 between 6 pm and 8 pm, and to the holders of Priority Voucher 'A' issued to supporters who paid cash at the turnstile for the Arsenal game, whose serial numbers end in 3, 4, 5 or 6 from the Bullens Road turnstiles on Monday 15th April 1985 between 6 pm to 8 pm. Altered or mutilated vouchers are invalid. Complimentary or Concessionary tickets do not qualify.

Holders of Stand ticket stubs or Priority Voucher 'A' holders ending in 7, 8 and 9 should retain their voucher/match ticket stub issued at the Arsenal game, and an announcement regarding the balance of any unsold ground tickets will be made on our 24 hour answer phone service at 9 pm on Monday 15th April 1985 (051-523 6642).