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13th goal of the season.

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100 Years On

Thank you for coming along again to watch for the second week in succession. Despite the murky damp weather we managed over five figures last Saturday and I am hopeful that we can achieve that figure again today.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those super people in the Bobbers' stand who supply brilliant, witty and sometimes quite uplifting slogans. I am sure their banner of "Well done Leroy, Good Luck" though, at the time, slightly presumptious, says everything about those kind people and their understanding. We are a football club with heart and a smile. For Paul Elliott to leave this club took him much heartsearching. He knows the potential, the standards and the environment. But as I illustrated last week somewhat ironically in my programme notes, times change and players move on for whatever reasons. We wish Paul every success—he has been a gentleman and an excellent professional during his stay at Luton and we are sure he will continue to develop.

Superb support

Next Saturday we travel to Forest and I hope as many of you as possible will be coming down the M1 with us. If you drive safely and steadily, you can leave home at one o'clock and comfortably make the kick-off. Our visitors Newcastle have already, despite the distances involved, had superb away support—there is no greater incentive for players than to feel the supporters with them. We will be after our third successive away win next Saturday. Come and join us.

I welcome our friends from the North East Best wishes and their officials and players. We wish them David Pleat

a good day and a safe journey home. Our games are usually most exciting and they have quality players to test us to the limit. I have made no secret of the fact that one of their players has that quality which should fill stadiums to capacity.

It is nice for people in football to be honest. I quote from an article by Terry Gibson of Coventry City in the Birmingham Sports Argus. "If the truth be known, I for one thoroughly enjoyed the Kenilworth Road surface. Its as close to grass as I imagine any artificial pitch could be but gives you a good grip. I think once players have played a handful of games on that pitch they would enjoy their football on it.'

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A quiet, blond 14-year-old lad blinked at me through a thick fringe of hair. "Robert Peel founded the police force," I dictated. He and his classmates dutifully wrote. He stood out from the rest—a rowdy, boisterous group because he was so quiet. He didn't seem to have any particular talent. The P.E. staff at his school used to talk about potential professional sportsman they taught. But this boy's name was never mentioned. He is now Coventry City's captain.

I talked to Wayne Turner's mother after our match against Coventry in November. She'd hoped to see him play, but a knee and ankle injuries have dogged him this season. Nevertheless, he's settled well at Coventry and revels in his new rôle.

FA Cup semi-final

I asked what it was like to have a First Division football captain as a son. Mrs. Turner clearly enjoys the way she is treated when she visits Coventry. She finds it a very friendly club; being Wayne's mother increases her status. She doesn't treat Wayne any differently from his brothers: she watches all her sons play football. A prior engagement prevented her watching the FA Cup semi-final last season. "I wasn't going to alter long-standing arrangements just because Wayne was playing," she said. "Besides, he wouldn't have wanted me to.'

He recently bought his own house in Luton. "I see more of him now than I did when he was at home," said Mrs. Turner. "He brings me his washing and calls in for meals about four times a week." An experience shared by many mums whose sons have set up on their

Like me, she can't account for the transformation from retiring boy to gregarious manabout-town. She's clearly and justifiably proud of him—as she is of all her children. But can't he, on a captain's wages, afford his own automatic washing machine?

Gale Waller

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Yours faithfully, Paul Denton, Luton North Rotary Club.

Friendly atmosphere

Dear Sir.

Thank you very much for replying to my earlier letter. While I can understand the need to discourage the hooligan element from attending away matches, is it fair that true football supporters be penalised in order to accomplish

However, the fact that you took The spendid book "The Luton the time and trouble to reply has restored my faith in yourself and Luton Town, and I hope that we been passed to me and it is with can meet again next season in the great pleasure that I accept it on First Division, with the same behalf of the Borough of Luton. friendly atmosphere that was displayed on both sides last packed with information which Tuesday.

S. R. Cary, Norwich.

Impressed

Dear Sir,

I joined your Centenary club. I join- in Luton, and I am sure this will be ed this club as I like looking at the match programmes, but don't come to many matches.

Today I was looking through the paper and saw the passage about the Town banning away supporters next season.

I am very impressed with all of the Centenary club and the chance to see a Town game free of charge. Even if some people think the Luton programme is costing too much at £1. (Daily Express and also in Match, the football magazine). Nigel Offord wrote in

saying he was outraged at the a best seller, especially during the price and so on, but he wasn't forced to buy the programme and anyway I think it was just a way of getting back at the Town after they had beaten his favourite club Southampton 7-0. By the way get a few more scores like that and I think you will get some bigger crowds as it is very entertain- Dear Sir. ing football to watch.

Good luck in the rest of the season and try to get a step furthe in the FA Cup this year.

Dale Robertson, Husborne Crawley

Book for Christmas

Dear Sir,

Thank you so much for getting my book signed for me. I am sure it will be the best Christmas present my husband could ever have. Thank you again.

Mrs. J. Smith. Luton

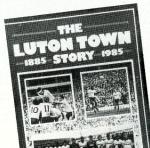
Best seller

Dear Sir,

Town Story" which was sent to Mr. Collins, Chief Executive, has

I can see at a glance that it is will be of interest, not only to the football fan, but to all who remember the team from the early days to their present day success in the First Division.

I am very pleased to hear that As a keen Luton Town supporter, the book is on sale at bookshops



Christmas season.

My thanks to you and very best wishes to all at Luton Town Football Club.

Clir. Mrs. A. L. Bush. Mayor of Luton.

Pen pals

I am a 16 year old Luton Town supporter and I would like to correspond with male Luton supporters between the age range of 16-23 years.

I live at 21 Dunstable Close, Luton, Beds and I also go to all the Luton matches.

Yours faithfull. Yvonne Dillingham.

Sent from Coventry

Dear Sir.

As an exiled Coventry City fan now living in your area, I made my first visit to Kenilworth Road for over 10 years to see my team play the Hatters.

I thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon spent in a very friendly atmosphere and of course I was pleased with the

My impressions of the synthetic pitch are excellent. It really encouraged skilful football and I am sure, the result apart, that Luton will have a successful season.

I wonder if you could mention in your next home programme that I am anxious to obtain the Luton Coventry programme for the League Cup tie on September 25th, 1963. This is one of only a handful of coventry programmes I need to complete a collection back to 1960. I am willing to pay in the region of £1.50 for a copy f this programme.

Thanking you in anticipa-

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STEIN AT THE DOUBLE

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Brian Stein hit a goal in each
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fourth win in five League
games and consolidate their
grip on eighth position in the
table last Saturday at
Kenilworth Road.

Stein scored after three minutes and 64 minutes, both goals following free kicks by David Preece. City's Mark Lillis pulled a goal back six minutes from time from the penalty spot after Tim Breacker had upended Paul Power.

Broken bone

Strangely, on the last occasion Stein scored twice against City, two years ago, when we won_3—1, he was to limp off with a broken bone in his foot. Last Saturday, it was Emeka Nwajiobi's misfortune to suffer a similar injury. Emeka is expected to be out until the New Year.

Luton: Sealey, Breacker, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Harford, Nwajiobi (sub Daniel 70 mins), Preece.

Man. City: Nixon, Reid, Power, Johnson, McCarthy, Phillips, Lillis, May, Davies, McNab, Wilson (sub Baker 41 mins).

Ref: D. Axcell (Southend).







ACTION REPLAY from

Kenilworth Road

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Paul Elliott and Peter Nicholas were in commanding form against Manchester City last week and they are pictured in action on this page today. On the facing page, Mal Donaghy, Tim Breacker and Elliott show their authority in dealing with the persistent and skilful City



BILLY McNEILL



VIEWS

from the bench

Manchester City manager Billy McNeill was as fortright and intelligent in his after-match press conference last week, when he discussed his team's defeat at Kenilworth Road, as he always appeared to be in his sterling and famous performances at the centre of Celtic's defence in the 1960's when the Glasgow team became the first British side to win the European Cup. Today he gives his views on the way in which his team and others play and adapt to the specialised demands of our synthetic pitch.

Home advantage

"The new synthetic surfaces are definitely a big advantage for the home teams as I think it takes the away sides a while to get settled down. For example, today, we were a goal down before we knew what was happening or had found our feet. We hadn't got used to the pitch and of course Luton are much more used to it than us and play just the right sort of football for it.

"Mind you Luton are a very much more exciting team to watch on their synthetic surface than Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road on their pitch. But once you are behind against a team it is always uphill afterwards and I thought Luton played very well, passing well and making the ball move around quickly and accurately. They have got some very good players.

"Of course one of the problems with these sort of surfaces is that they are hard and this was shown when Clive Wilson was hurt. He went off with concussion after taking a hard knock and falling. Mind you, I wouldn't have fancied being the meat in a sandwich between

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big Elliott and McCarthy.

"Overall though, like most managers who have been down here, I think the pitch plays very well. It is certainly not half as bad as some people say or want you to think it is! I think a lot of the problems the players have when they play on it may be in the mind, you know. The big thing is what you as an individual think of it... if you like it and relish the idea of playing in it, then fine, if not—then you've got problems haven't you?

"I think if you took a poll among the players, however, most of them would vote against it. They are traditionalists really, you know. Luton's lads are skilful and their style of play, a lot of accurate passing and good running, is well suited to it. It's the sort of football that would suit any good surface anyway, mind you. You've got to get on the pitch and get on with it and that's it.

Old-fashioned striker

"We practised on it for an hour or so during the week before and that gave us some idea of how it would be, but it didn't make much difference. Luton have got some great players and they are a very strong side—Harford is a real handful, an old-fashioned centre-forward really, and Stein always caused us problems. We couldn't close him down at all. Harford is a good foil for him up front and they looked very good.

"In theory I suppose the pitch helped Luton, but at the end of the day it is the same for both teams. Another interesting point—in theory—is that regular playing on this kind of surface should be good for skills and should lead to a steady improvement in them."

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Pre-match entertainment

Today's pre-match entertainment is provided by Luton Town youth XI and AZ Sportsworld. Our team includes several trialists and AZ Sportsworld are a successful club and their side today includes several youngsters already on Football League clubs' books. Teams:

Luton Town: M. Jones, D Thomas, K. Black, D. Burns, A. Milne, G. Covington, A. Connor, A. Chapman, D. Campaniello, N. Lynn, L. Philpott, P. Mulhall, D. Taylor.

Sportsworld: A. Fisk, J. Bewfield, G. Maxim, K. Gayle, J. Robinson, N. Henry, L. Francis, T. Meadows, M. Sylvan, K. Maynard, A. Mossdrake, R. Coppinger, S. Walsh.

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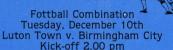
On Saturday 14th December we are away to Nottingham Forest, Kick-off 3.00 pm. Entrance for visiting supporters, standing at £2.50, is via East car park. If you require seats they are £4.50, obtainable from our ticket office in Kenilworth Road.

Our next Canon League Division One home game is on Saturday, 21st December, against West Ham United. Kick-off 3.00 pm. For match information phone Luton 30748.

Season tickets

Season tickets are still available for seating in the main stand, Bobbers stand and our special family wing stand. Phone the ticket office for prices on Luton 30748 (24 hr service).

Forthcoming matches at Kenilworth Road



Football Combination Saturday, December 14th Luton Town v. Arsenal Kick-off 2.00 pm

Away Travel

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We are then once again on our way to the Midlands, this time the venue is The Hawthorns where we face West Bromwich Albion on Boxing Day. Our coaches will be leaving the Maple Road car park at 12.00 and the price is £4.50.

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TOP MATTER



Born in Sunderland on February 12th, 1959, Mick Harford began his goalscoring career with Lincoln City after leaving Lambton St. Boys Club. Subsequent moves took him to Newcastle United, Bristol City and Birmingham City from whom he joined the Town in mid-December 1984 for a fee of about £270,000. He made 22 League appearances for Luton last season and scored 15 goals. Deadly with his head and skilful with his feet, he was picked as a member of England's shadow squad to tour at the end of last season.

ONE MAN AND HIS DOG

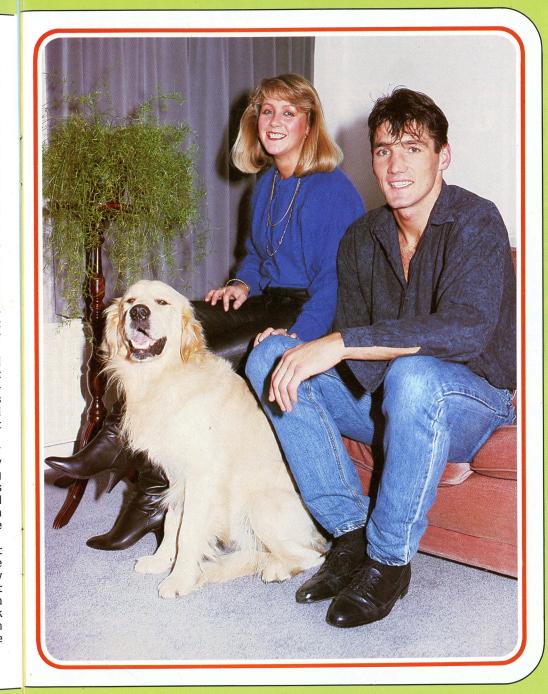
Moving house has been the dominating feature of Mick Harford's life in the last two weeks, but he has finally completed his transfer to a new flat in Harpenden and started to settle in. "I'm not a great DIY man, but I can do a few things, like putting up the mirrors and plumbing in the washing machine," said Mick, pictured with his fiancé Suzannah and golden retriever Sam.

"I used to be a plumber before I became a professional footballer, so it is something I can do. But otherwise I'm not too keen. We're getting sorted out now, though. Having a pet dog is a great pleasure for me. He certainly helps to keep me fit.

"I met Suzannah when I was at Lincoln and it was at about that time I became interested in dogs too. Sam has been properly trained and I am trying to keep him that way.

became engaged on Tuesday this week so with me moving into a new flat as well, it has been quite a hectic period away from the club. But I am sure everything will settle down a bit more now.

"I've enjoyed my football at Luton a lot and, as the manager says, we have now got a very good team. We just need maybe to believe in ourselves a bit more, to think of ourselves as the top team or level or better than the rest."



Bill Tomlins, Commercial Director

WHAT'S THE SCORE PLEASE EDDIE?



Funny man: Eddie Large, a Manchester City fanatic, joined in the fun at halftime last week even though his team was trailing 1-0. Eddie, who judged a jokes competition among the younger fans, enjoyed his afternoon despite the result which left him scratching his head in amazement at the Town's fine win. Eddie goes to City's matches all over the country and was very impressed with our hospitality.

the TOWN

JET-SET FAN FLIES TO TOWN MATCHES BY CONCORDE!

Town soccer is quite obvious- I understand that Bobby Rob-America, has flown in to Britain for both matches by Concorde! Yes, Concorde! . . . Can you imagine a more fanatical allow this opportunity to pass mad Hatter's way of showing without giving a warm your loyalty than this?

Ray, of course, is the son of literally bitten by the Town football bug—his father Len Hargreaves was the club's official dentist for many years. But surely not even Len could ever imagined his high-flying son Ray would become a David Frost-style transatlantic regular at Kenilworth Road. It must take some beating.

RICKY HILL

ing loyalty, perhaps I could conveyors and so on.

Our last two matches—both mention the plans and fine victories—have been wat- preparations for Ricky Hill's ched by a man to whom vic- testimonial match. It is planntorious and high-quality Luton ed for April 8th next year and ly a way of life. Century Club son has promised to get a very member Ray Hargreaves, who strong Mexico-bound England recently moved his general XI together for the night. It residence from London to should be a good test of the World Cup credentials.

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More seriously, I cannot welcome to today's match sponsors Bedford Trucks who a man who must have been have given such tremendous support to this club and through their parent company General Motors to the Football Association.

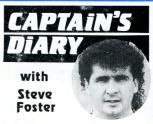
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ROMANTIC **ENCOUNTER!**

What a busy week! Did you catch my glamorous mention on TV (I'm sure she meant me) when Anne Diamond was talking about a meeting with a romantic Luton Town player in Brighton? I was down on the South Coast after our game against Man City and also bumped into another old friend, ex-Brighton and Town captain Brian Horton.

Brian gave me the lowdown on Billy Whitehurst, who transferred this week from Hull to Newcastle and makes his debut this afternoon—yes, against me, of course! We also talked about another transfer move, that of my competition for the Town centre-half jersey, Paul Elliott. We wish Paul the best of luck at Villa.

Last Saturday I sat in the stands and heard a lot of fans' comments about the players. It makes a big difference to hear them. I told the players about it on Monday. It is not true that six of them asked for transfers immediately!

Finally, the Fiat Team of the Year is due to be announced on Monday, I hear from a very good source (one manager is on the panel!) that Everton are favourites but we were well in the running-hope we win, I fancy a free lunch in London. Enjoy the game.



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Do not forget the Junior Hatters' Christmas Party!

Our position in the league is looking good. Our victory at Watford the other week has put us in eighth place and today we face our second home game in succession. It will be a good match for us and it should put us in good shape for our visit to Nottingham Forest next Saturday.

Do not forget the Christmas party in the Hatters Club on Monday December 16th, 7-9 pm. It is free to members. If you have not collected your tickets yet you had better hurry up as the response has been very good.

I am not going to announce my team

Jason Norman

for the sports quiz as I am hoping to keep you all in suspense. It should be a good night.

Today our visitors are Newcastle United. They bring a good following with them to away games so let's hear you all this week. Enjoy your day out and have a good time. See you at the party.

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After wins over Watford and Fulham our young reserves were up against it last week when they suffered two defeats in London at the hands of Chelsea and Tottenham. Owing to Chelsea's Milk Cup match against Everton, the Football Combination fixture took place on their training ground where they made the most of their advantage.

The power of Paul Canoville in the Chelsea attack swung the game their way although some of the build-up play by our team was first class, but unrewarding in a 2—0 defeat. Three days later, Spurs, playing their usual open attacking game, beating us 3—0. But only with some luck on their side.

Goalkeeper Tony Parks made a brilliant save from Mark Stein before the interval and Andy Dibble equalled him with one from Cooke afterwards. But Spurs strength told against our young defenders in the end and David Leworthy shot them in front. Two late goals added to the scoreline in a match

WARNING FROM THE NORTH



 Near miss: Mark North fires in a good effort well saved by Parks.



 Good jump: North outjumps Paul Miller as the Town turn on the pressure.

that provided our youngsters with good experience at White Hart Lane.

Latest result:

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Wednesday, November 27th, 1985

Chelsea 2 Luton Town 4

Teams:

Chelsea: Francis, Howard, Millar, Priest, Watson, Bodley, Jones, Murphy, Shearer, Beste, Canoville. Luton: A. Dibble, R. Johnson, A. Grimes. R. McEvoy, P. Elliott, M. Johnson, D. Oldfield, G. Parker, M. North. M. Stein. R. Daniel.

Saturday, November 30th, 1985 Tottenham 3 Luton Town 0

Teams:

Tottenham: Parks, Miller, Grenfell, Polston, O'Shea, Crook, Cooke, Bowen, Leworthy, Close, Howells. Luton: A. Dibble, R. Johnson, A. Grimes, R. McEvoy, I. Scott, M. Johnson, D. Oldfield, G. Parker, M. North, M. Stein, G. Cobb.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

		P	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
1	Arsenal	18	13	4	1	66	16	30
2	Watford	19	13	3	3	54	22	29
3	Chelsea	18	13	2	3	56	12	28
4	West Ham	17	13	2	2	64	28	28
5	Ipswich	17	10	3	4	33	21	23
6	Luton Town	19	10	3	6	28	26	23
7	Tottenham	17	10	1	6	40	25	21
8	QPR	18	9	3	6	32	26	21
9	Norwich	19	8	4	7	29	23	20
10	C. Palace	19	8	3	8	31	39	19
11	Millwall	17	8	2	7	26	31	18
12	Oxford Utd	20	6	5	9	33	35	17
13	Birmingham	18	7	2	9	24	39	16
14	Bristol R	16	7	1	8	32	37	15
15	Portsmouth	16	5	3	8	16	21	13
16	Southampton	17	4	5	8	28	38	13
17	Charlton	18	6	1	11	34	48	13
18	Fulham	17	5	1	11	25	44	11
19	Reading	16	4	1	11	17	46	9
20	Brighton	17	3	2	12	15	41	8
21	Swindon	15	1	3	11	21	45	5
22	Swansea	16	2	0	14	13	55	4
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ı	Oldfield 18	5	Parker 14	1	
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FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES

Α	Aug 17	Portsmouth	1-0
Н	Aug 24	Chelsea	0-4
Н	Aug 31	Reading	2-1
Α	Sept 4	Charlton Athletic	1-0
Α	Sept 7	West Ham United	0-3
H	Sept 26	Millwall	3-2
Α	Oct 2	Oxford United	1-1
Α	Oct 9	Brighton & HA	2-0
Н	Oct 12	Queens Park Rangers	1-1
Н	Oct 15	Ipswich Town	2-3
Α	Oct 19	Southampton	2-2
Н		Swansea Town	2-0
Α	Oct 31		5—1
Н		Norwich City	1-0
Н	Nov 9	Crystal Palace	0-2
Α		Watford	4-1
Н	Nov 23		1-0
Α			2-0
A	Nov 30	Tottenham Hotspur	3-0

Youth Team

Town youngsters win ten-goal thriller at Swindon

Swindon Town 4 Luton Town 6 Our youth team romped to a spectacular victory over Swindon Town youth at Swindon last Saturday when they finished two goals clear of their hosts in a 10-goal thriller.

Sean Farrell, who has maintained his scoring streak since the earliest part of the season, weighed in with a hat-trick and was well-assisted by Paul Lewis who followed up his hat-trick at Tottenham the previous week with two more goals.

Aaron Tighe added the sixth goal in a victory that left the Town youngsters with a record of having won seven of their 14 games in the league to date.

They can proudly boast of a goal difference of 47 scored against 27 conceded—some going in only 14 games!

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO November 30th

Swindon Town 4 Luton Town 6 (Farrell 3, Lewis 2, Tighe)

Team: M. Jones, J. Bone, R. Harvey, N. Poutch, C. Barker, J. James, J. Kennedy, P. Lewis, S. Farrell. A. Tighe, M. Tuite, A. Chapman, L. Philpott.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

		P	VV	D	L	F	Α	Pts
1	Southampton	13	10	1	2	50	23	21
2	Swindon	13	9	3	1	41	20	21
3	Bournemouth	14	8	3	3	33	26	19
4	Luton Town	14	7	3	4	47	27	17
5	Wimbeldon	13	7	1	5	29	18	15
6	Tottenham	14	5	3	6	30	30	13
	Colchester		5	3	5	23	28	13
8	Oxford Utd	13	4	4	5	21	26	12
9	Bristol R	13	3	5	5	25	26	11
	Brighton		5	1	8	15	28	11
11	Brentford	13	2	6	5	25	28	10
12	Southend	13	4	2	7	14	28	10
	Reading			1	10	19	43	9
14	C. Palace	13	1	4	8	28	49	6
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Introducing Newcastle United



NEWCASTLE United arrive here this afternoon riding high in the First Division and fresh from a victory over Leicester City at St. James' Park last weekend. After all the traumas they suffered at the start of the season, when former manager Jack Charlton resigned in a blaze of national publicity following close-season reaction to the transfer of winger Chris Waddle to Tottenham, it is a credit to the current man in charge. Willie McFaul, that the Magpies have kept their composure and made the most of a bright opening run.

Newcastle started with two drawsincluding our 2-2 meeting on August 21-and then reeled off three wins before going down 3-0 at Old Trafford. Since then their results have been mixed with heavy defeats by Spurs and Forest compensated by good wins over WBA, Oxford and Aston Villa.

Players likely to be on duty today: John Anderson—Dublin-born John, 26, began his career at West Brom in 1977, moved to Preston in 1979 and went to Newcastle in

1982 on a free transfer. An Eire international, he is a strong and versatile defender.

John Bailey-John, an England "B" defender, joined Newcastle from Everton in October for £80,000. He began his career with Blackburn. Now 28.

Peter Beardsley—Last season's top scorer, Peter cost £125,000 from Vancouver Whitecaaps in 1983. Born in Tyneside in 1961. Jeff Clarke-Jeff, born in Pontefract in 1954, is now 31. He joined Newcastle from Sunderland on a free transfer in July 1982 after starting his career at Manchester City. Peter Gascoigne-Youth team captain last season, Paul, born on Tyneside in May 1967. Made his debut against OPR last April. Led the youth team to FA Youth Cup final win over Watford.

Glenn Roeder-Elegant former OPR defender Glenn joined Newcastle in December 1983. Born in Woodford, Essex on December 13th, 1955.

Ian Stewart—Another former QPR forward,



Back row, from left: David McCreery, Alan Davies, Peter Haddock, Wesley Saunders, Paul Gascoigne, Rob McKinnon,

John Anderson.

Middle row: Jeff Clarke, Kevin Scott, Neil McDonald, Martin Thomas, Gary Kelly, George Reilly, Tony Cunningham, Chris Hedworth.

Front row:Derek Wright (Physio), Ken Wharton, Paul Ferris, Pat Heard, Glenn Roeder, Peter Beardsley, Joe Allon, Gary Megson, Willie McFaul (Manager).



Willie McFaul was appointed manager of Newcastle United following Jack Charlton's shock resignation in August. He had spent most of his career at St. James' Park after arriving from Linfield in 1966 for a fee of £7.000. He developed into a fine goalkeeper and would certainly have won many Northern Ireland internationals caps, but for the brilliance of Pat Jennings in goal throughout his career. Willie played for Newcastle in their European Fairs Cup win over Ujpest Dozsa of Hungary in 1969 and was an FA Cup finalist in 1974. He was previously right-hand man to former managers Bill McGarry, Arthur Cox and Jack Charlton. He is 42.

Ian joined Newcastle in August for £150,000. A Northern Ireland international winger, he made his debut earlier this season against the

Martin Thomas-Joined Newcastle from Bristol Rovers in March 1983 and has developed into a regular Welsh under-21 international and one of the most promising goalkeepers in the First Division. Born November 1959.

Kenny Wharton-Newcastle's longest-serving player. Born Newcastle, November 1960, he has more than 200 first team appearances behind him since joining in January 1979. David McCreery-Belfast-born midfielder David signed from Tulsa Roughnecks after previous experience with Manchester United, and QPR. An experienced Northern Ireland international midfielder. Born 1957.

Billy Whitehurst—Born in Thurnscoe in June 1959, Billy joined United this week from Brian Horton's Hull City in a £250,000 deal. A tall and powerful striker. Billy makes his debut here today.

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The way forward

A working part, established at our suggestion, to explore the possibilities of creating a multi-purpose covered stadium in Luton, held its first meeting on December 2nd. It comprised represetnatives of the club, the council and local business. Eric Fountain. director of public affairs at Vauxhall Motors. was elected chairman of the working party.

I felt it would be interesting today to draw attention to the meeting and its aims. The club envisgaes a stadium which embraces not only an international-sized synthetic pitch. but also a home for a wide range of major sports, entertainments and leisure activities. These could be available to the public on a general basis.

Examining the issues

The aims of the working party are to examine all the issues involved in this proposal and to further examine and see if such a facility is possible. The first meeting of the working party aimed at setting out its programme of study and it established three teams to study sites, the planning issues involved and the possible financial arrangements that would be necessary to fund such a scheme properly.

The study teams will prepare reports on their individual areas of particular study and report back to the next meeting of the full working party, due to be held early in the New Year. At this stage it is difficult to draw any conclusions, but it is clear the working party has a will to succeed in creating proposals that will result in firm recommendations to the appropriate local authorities.

After the meeting, Mr. Fountain commented: "It is very early days and a great deal has to be done . . . A multi-purpose stadium will be of benefit to Luton and the whole surrounding area."

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VIEWS from the MEDIA

Another triumph for Brian Stein

Last week's home win was a triumph for Brian Stein who seems to have made a habit of scoring doubles against Manchester City at Kenilworth Road. He was on the mark twice in our 3—1 win here in 1982. Here is a selection of the Press comments on our victory last week:

News of the World: "Against City, Luton flitted through the fog like ghosts and proved they are now real First Division quality. They have lost only three of their last 12 games and rarely looked like losing this one.

Sizzling

"It took Stein only three minutes to score his first goal from David Preece's hard centre and he collected another in the 65th minute after hitting a post. 'We never really got to grips with him,' admitted City manager Billy McNeill. Poor Eric Nixon, City's young goalkeeper, must also have saved at least half a dozen other efforts from the sizzling Stein." Sunday Telegraph: "No doubt Luton will be

content with the two goals by Brian Stein that brought them their fourth League victory in five games. Yet they must feel frustrated that their superiority was not further rewarded.

In fact, a late rally by Manchester City might well have cost them more than a penalty scored by Lillis, seven minutes from time, after Breacker had up-ended Power. City however never showed the kind of imagination which is Luton's trade mark, and they were hampered just before the interval when their most creative player, Wilson, was taken off on a stretcher suffering from concussion."

Sunday People: "Two-goal Brian Stein was the name on the lips of both managers. City's Billy McNeill said: 'He was a threat all the time.' Luton's David Pleat said: 'He was very sharp, especially in the first half. He could have had three more.' And Pleat added: 'Our football in spells was as good as when we beat Southamotton 7—0'."





Malcolm Macdonald made 88 League appearances for the Town in a Kenilworth Road career from 1969 to 1971 during which he scored 49 goals and became one of the best-known goalscorers in the game. He left for Newcastle in 1971 and went on to play for Arsenal and England.

CALLOUR

ANOTHER EXCITING MATCH ON THE CARDS . . .

Newcastle United are eagerly-awaited visitors to Kenilworth Road. The chances are that goals will flow as they have always done in a fixture that has produced an average of four goals per game in its last 37 matches.

The first meeting took place at Dunstable Road on February 19th, 1898, during Luton's initial season in the Football League. In front of a crowd of 3,000, the home team took a 2-0 interval lead with goals from Edwin Birch and Bill Stewart before running out 3-1 winners.

Following Newcastle's promotion at the end of that campaign, we had to wait another 40 years before meeting again, this time at St. James' Park, where we upset the predictions by winning 3-1, our first away win of 1937-38.

Repaid Liddell's faith

Following two away defeats, it was decided to reshape the Town team that day and so Tom Mackey and Ronald Stevens were drafted in for their first games of the season with Freddy Hogg and Edward Griffiths making their league debuts. Stevens and Griffiths repaid manager Ned Liddell's confidence by scoring two of the goals with the third netted by Joe Payne.

We finished off a highly-satisfactory season by beating Newcastle 4-1 in our final home game which marked the final match for stalwart Billy

In the following season an optimistic early home crowd of 17.689 saw a Town victory by 2-1, but by April 1939, with both sides out of the promotion race, and war clouds looming, only 10,341 watched the return at Newcastle in which the Magpies won 2-0. This game marked the final League appearance of Joe Coen in goal. He

THE LUTON TOWN STORY



TODAY'S meeting with Newcastle United will be an evocative one for our supporters with long memories and short ones too! Goals have always been in plentiful supply and the Hatters-Magpies clash has always provided more than the average number of thrills too . . . dating right back to our first meetings in 1897-98.

One of the most famous clashes of the two clubs came in 1946-47 when we came from behind to win 4-3 with Dally Duncan in brilliant form on the wing and this was almost equalled in 1981-82 when Brian Stein hit a memorable second-half hat-trick to secure a 3-2 triumph against the odds.

Second Edition

Both of these victories are fully reported in the fast-selling official club history THE LUTON TOWN STORY 1885-1985, a fully-documented book of the 100 years of incidents and excitement that have created Luton Town's colourful history.

Discussions about the publication and printing of the second edition have taken place this week. Unfortunately it seems unlikely a re-print can be made before Christmas.

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Viv Busby burst into the Town team in 1970 when he scored four goals in nine appearances and helped inspire the final push for promotion from the Third Division. He followed Macdonald to Newcastle for a short loan period before going on to Fulham, Norwich, Stoke, Blackburn



Mick Harford began his career with Lincoln City. joining Newcastle in 1981. He made 19 League appearances, scoring four goals, before moving on to Bristol City, Birmingham and the Town.

Yesterdays

October 1941.

one. It took place on October 30th, 1946 at Kenilworth Road. Newcastle were then the allconquering team with a forward line of Milburn, Bentley, Wayman, Shackleton, and Pearson. A nearrecord league crowd of 24,410 saw the Town win 4-3 after trailing by three goals.

Record crowd

Newcastle had threatened to

was killed in a flying accident in run riot in the Second Division that season, but surprisingly fail-The next meeting was a famous ed. They made no mistakes in 1947-48, however, but not before the Town had won what was by then a customary home win, by 2-1, with one of the goals coming from ex-United player Eddie Connelly. The game at St. James' Park that season drew 64,931the highest figure to watch a Town team in a League match.

Our next meeting took place in Division One in 1955-56. On September 10th, we won 4-2. but Newcastle gained revenge

1897-98 1-4 1937-38 1938-39 2-7 1946-47 1947-48 1955-56 1956-57 1957-58 1958-59 0-1 1959-60 1961-62 1962-63 1974-75 1978-79 1979-80 1980-81 1981-82 1984-85 1985-86 Overall summary of results: PWD 18 12 2 4 42 28

A summary of our League

matches against Newcastle United

Luton score first)

Home

19 1 3 15 22 50 Away 37 13 5 19 64 78 Club statistician: Roger Wash



Brian Stein scores from the penalty spot for his second goal in a stirring hat-trick in 1982 when we recovered from 0-2 down at half-time to win 3-2 on our way to the Second Division title.

St. James' Park

Turner a thorn

Throughout the 1950's, Gordon Turner was a thorn in Newcastle's side. Apart from the two he scored in 1955-56, he bagged five in 1956-57 and one in 1957-58 when the other scorer in a 3-2 defeat at St. James' Park was debutant Brian Whitby.

1985-86 SEASON

Canon League Division One

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2	Liverpool	19	9	1	0	26	6	3	4	2	16	12	41
3	West Ham	19	7	2	1	24	9	4	3	2	11	10	38
4	Chelsea	19	8	0	1	19	7	3	4	3	12	13	37
5	Sheffield Wed	19	5	3	1	15	14	5	2	3	14	13	35
6	Everton	19	6	2	1	24	8	4	2	4	17	17	34
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8	Luton Town	19	5	4	1	19	7	3	2	4	14	16	30
9	Newcastle	19	5	2	3	18	14	3	3	3	9	14	29
10	Nottingham F.	19	5	1	4	15	15	3	2	4	15	15	27
11	QPR	19	6	2	2	14	7	2	1	6	6	17	27
	Tottenham	18	4	1	3	21	11	3	3	4	10	13	25
	Watford	19	6	2	-1	23	9	0	3	7	11	25	23
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16	Aston Villa	19	2	4	4	13	13	2	3	4	11	14	19
17	Oxford Utd	20	4	3	2	17	11	0	4	7	12	28	19
18	Manchester C.	19	2	4	3	9	13	2	2	6	9	14	18
19	Leicester City .	20	3	5	2	19	17	1	1	8	6	21	18
20	Birmingham C.	18	4	1	4	7	8	1	1	7	4	17	17
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M. Thomas	12	3	1
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