

ARSENAL



F.A. Cup Fifth Round Replay
v LUTON TOWN
Monday, March 3rd, 1986
Kick-off 7.30 p.m.
Official Programme Price 50p

Sponsored by
JVC
leaders in video and hi-fi

**ARSENAL
FOOTBALL CLUB
LIMITED**



Arsenal Stadium,
Avenell Road, Highbury,
London, N5
phone: 01 226 0304 (club)
01 359 0131 (information)

League champions: 1931,
1933, 1934, 1935, 1938,
1948, 1953, 1971

Runners up: 1926, 1932,
1973

F.A. Cup winners: 1930,
1936, 1950, 1971, 1979
Runners up: 1927, 1932,
1952, 1972, 1978, 1980

Football League Cup
runners up: 1968, 1969
European Fairs Cup
winners: 1970

European Cup Winners
Cup runners up: 1980

F.A. Youth Cup winners:
1966, 1971

President: Sir Stanley
Rous, CBE

Directors: Peter
Hill-Wood (Chairman)
David Dein
(Vice-chairman)

Sir Robert Bellinger, GBE,
D.Sc

Stuart McIntyre, MBE,
FCIS

Tony Wood
Roger Gibbs
Clive Carr
Richard Carr

Ken Friar (Managing
Director and Secretary)

Assistant Secretary:
David Miles

Manager: Don Howe

First team coach:
John Cartwright

Programme editor:
Kevin Connolly MA

Editorial features: Kevin
Connolly, Tony Pullein
and Fiona Cohn BA

Pictures: Bill Smith, FRPS
and Doug Poole

Programme designed and
printed by Maybank Press,
Hainault, Essex.

HIGHBURY

INFO...INFO...II

WELCOME TO THE PLAYERS,
SUPPORTERS AND OFFICIALS
OF LUTON TOWN.

IF WE WIN TONIGHT ...

If we win this evening's match we have been drawn at home in the sixth round of the F.A. Cup to either Tottenham Hotspur or Everton.

This match will take place at Highbury on Saturday, March 8 (kick-off: 3.00 p.m.).

This match will NOT be all-ticket. Seat season ticket holders will use the appropriate Cup-tie voucher from the season ticket book.

We regret that we will be unable to accept any bookings by post or 'Dial-a-seat' due to the limited time available.

Tickets will be on sale, subject to availability, from our box office on Tuesday, March 4 until Friday, March 7 between 9.30 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. each day, and on Saturday, March 8 from 9.30 a.m.

● Please see the announcement on page 5 for what happens if we beat Luton, but Tottenham and Everton have to replay.

IF IT'S A DRAW ...

If this evening's match results in a draw after extra time, the second replay would be on Wednesday, March 5.

Immediately after tonight's fixture, an announcement would be made informing supporters of the venue.

If the match is at Highbury:

Seat season ticket holders will use the next lettered Cup-tie voucher from your season ticket book. Reserved seats will be on sale after tonight's match from the Clock End turnstiles in Avenell Road.

If the match is at Kenilworth Road:

This match will be all ticket. We will not be receiving any seat tickets.

Terrace tickets are priced at £4 each.

Tickets will be on general sale after tonight's match from the Clock End turnstiles in Avenell Road.

ARSENAL SUMMER SEVENS

We're accepting entries now for the Arsenal Summer Sevens, our indoor competition that was such a gigantic success last year, when over 200 teams took part. The competition will be played in May, June and July — so get your entry in now! You can collect entry forms from the Gunners' Shop, or by writing to Vic Akers, c/o Arsenal Stadium.

COMMUNITY SPORTS PROGRAMME

Our Community Sports Programme is growing bigger and better all the time. For details of the scheme's wide range of activities, see the announcement on page 5.

PETER GETS A LIFT

We were pleased to be able to help young Swedish fan Peter Gustafson have his weekend rescued two weeks ago — after the West Ham versus Manchester United Cup tie was called off.



Peter Gustafson

Peter was to have been West Ham's mascot for the game — scheduled to be shown live on Swedish TV. After behind the scenes moves involving Arsenal, Luton and West Ham, Peter was invited to be a guest at the Luton versus Arsenal game where the Swedish TV team had also moved.

Hammers' commercial manager, Brian Blower, took him to the game, he appeared on the pitch in full view of the Swedish cameras and he received an Arsenal pennant — autographed by the Gunners players — from Junior Gunners organiser, Debbie Wakeford.

We hope that made up in some small way for Peter's earlier disappointment.

FRONT COVER PIC

Smiling in the snow!... Charlie Nicholas and Junior Gunners organiser Debbie Wakeford get together at frozen Highbury for Debbie to collect a £250 cheque for the JGs from Charlie. The cash was donated to Junior Gunners funds by The Mirror newspaper, to mark Charlie being named as the paper's January 'Player of the Month'.

NEW

MAKE MONEY LOTTERY

Coming now, the chance to win a super new 1986 METRO CITY, over £11,500 in prizes — and tickets will still be just 25p. Look out for the Make Money sellers all around the ground tonight.

This programme is the copyright of Arsenal Football Club. No part of this programme may be reproduced without the written permission of Arsenal Football Club.

We'd played a very exciting League game at Luton early in the season and the 2-2 draw in the first match of this Cup tie was every bit as exciting. The game was packed with incident, and really got the crowd roaring.

I was pleased for David Rocastle that he scored his first senior goal, in that game. David came into the side briefly last autumn, dropped out for a while, then came back even stronger.

That's what we expect Niall Quinn will do. Niall has had a ten game run in the first team — and the experience has done him a lot of good.

Tony Woodcock would have returned against Ipswich if that game had been played, so I had no hesitation picking him at Luton. Tony scored an outstanding goal in the League match at Kenilworth Road and it's a ground where he seems to like playing.

DON HOWE

He battled right through the game and did very well to set up our second goal with that quick turn and cross.

Steve Williams came back to do a good job containing Brian Stein, who's been scoring a lot of goals running from deep positions.

John Lukic has had a strain of the right thigh which is why he hasn't been taking our goal kicks. I believe goalkeeping is about hands rather than feet. John had no problems with his movement and he's playing really well, so I decided to keep him in the side. Thankfully his injury is clearing up fast.

When will Paul Davis and Stewart Robson be coming back? They're working together and improving fast. But it's hard to set a date for players to return from injuries like the groin strains that have kept them both out. I don't want to take risks with their futures by rushing them. We'll be delighted to have them back because they've been two of our outstanding players.

The Luton player who caused us most problems at Kenilworth Road was Ricky Hill, with his powerful runs into our box. On the team bus going home we were discussing ways to contain him. We believe we've worked out one or two measures.

I've seen some stories wondering if there will be a "carry over" tonight from the two recent games we've played against Luton. I don't think so. The referee who took charge of the first game will be here again tonight. He knows the situation and the players involved.

One of the manager's biggest problems when you don't know when matches will be played is keeping the players keyed up. Postponement — like our replay against Luton and the derby against Chelsea being called off — and uncertainty can take the edge off your build up. We've needed match practice, so we were pleased to be able to play a friendly against the League of Ireland champions, Shamrock Rovers, in Dublin last Tuesday.

The bad weather disrupts your outdoor training. Fortunately we have excellent indoor facilities here — and other clubs have been using them too. Millwall, for instance, had a couple of sessions here before their Cup tie at Southampton.

I'm glad tonight's match is a meeting of First Division teams, given our recent Arctic weather. If players can't balance on a tricky surface their skill is reduced. When a First Division side meets a Fourth Division team for instance, an icy pitch can be a great leveller in the lower club's favour!



RESERVES AND Youths

By
Kevin
Connolly

YOUTH TEAM REACH FIFTH ROUND

Our youth team reached the fifth round of the F.A. Youth Cup with a 1-0 win over Wimbledon at snowswept Highbury on February 5. But youth boss Pat Rice was far from happy with the Gunners performance.

Said Rice: "I gave the lads a rucking afterwards. We can play a lot better. We made things hard for ourselves".

Lawrence Osborne scored the only goal in the second half, to avenge Wimbledon's victory over us in last season's second round.

Arsenal: Hammond, Rivero, Thomas, Reid, Dolan, Ball, Smith, Osborne, Merson, Allen, Turner (Stanislaus).

ARCTIC WEATHER CAUSES FIXTURE PILE-UP

Our recent Arctic weather has thrown the reserves and youths fixture lists into chaos. The reserves last played in a friendly against Barnet on February 1. The youth team's last outing came in the F.A. Youth Cup tie against Wimbledon four days later.

"We're working indoors, trying to keep sharp and practising the basics of our game — as we would at the start of a season," says Terry Burton: "We won't have much chance to do that when we start playing again — because we'll be playing two and three games a week to complete our fixtures."

The youth team also face a pile-up. They're still involved in the F.A. Youth Cup, the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup, and the South East Counties League Cup. And those games have to be fitted in on midweek dates.

PAT CALLED UP

Congratulations to our Youth team centre-back Pat Dolan, who was called up for the Republic of Ireland side that played England in the European youth championship at Leeds last Tuesday.

Unfortunately for Pat, England won 2-0.

Congratulations also to our Reserve team full-back Michael Thomas who was included in the England squad.

GOALLESS ON THE OMNITURF

The youth team couldn't quite find their scoring touch in a 0-0 draw at Q.P.R. on February 1.

"We're going through one of those periods when we're not putting the ball in the net — but I was still pleased that we're making so many chances," said Pat Rice: "The lads adapted very fast to the synthetic pitch, and we dominated the game after the first five minutes."

Nicky Hammond was the Gunners hero in that early period, making two brilliant saves.

Arsenal: Hammond, Russo, Stanislaus, Reid, Dolan, Ball, Smith, Rebuck, Campbell, Milton, Lambert (McGregor).

MERSON ON TARGET

Paul Merson was on target with both goals when our reserves drew 2-2 with Gola Leaguers Barnet in a friendly at London Colney on February 1.

Merson fired us ahead midway through the second half, after Barnet had led 1-0 at half time.

The Gola Leaguers scored a late equaliser.

"A friendly against Barnet was probably more worthwhile than a lot of Combination games which we win easily," said reserve boss Terry Burton: "Barnet have a lot of experienced players — and they're as good as the better sides in the Combination."

Arsenal: Wilmot, Caesar, Thomas, Whyte, Adams, Caton, Williams, Allen, Merson, Osborne, Rivero.

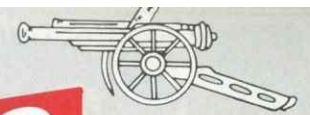
Congratulations to our Associate Schoolboys, goalkeeper Andrew Marriott and centre-back Jamie Donnelly who were included in the England squad for yesterday's schoolboy international against Northern Ireland at Newcastle.



The snow sweeps down as midfielder Wesley Reid starts another powerful run in our F.A. Youth Cup win over Wimbledon.

By Riola Conn

YOUNG GUNNERS



STEVE LAMBERT...

OVERCOMING HIS INJURY JINX...

Steve Lambert is one of those unfortunate youngsters whose progress has been hampered by injury. Some players can go a whole career without missing more than a handful of games, but 17 year-old Steve has already missed nearly two years of action through niggling injuries; they seem to have a magnetic attraction towards him!

At the age of 15, his achilles tendons went and for a year, he could only play on the odd occasion. Living in Aylesbury, he only used to come to Highbury for a week at a time, to train with other schoolboys from outside London. Every time he came to train, the tendons would go and so it went on.

"I was resting for four months, then coming to London for a week's training", he remembers. "Every time I trained, the tendons would go again and I'd be off for another four months. It didn't do me any good, physically or mentally".

It was a very testing time for Steve. He had many doubts about whether he would be offered an apprenticeship — or if he even wanted to carry on with the game.

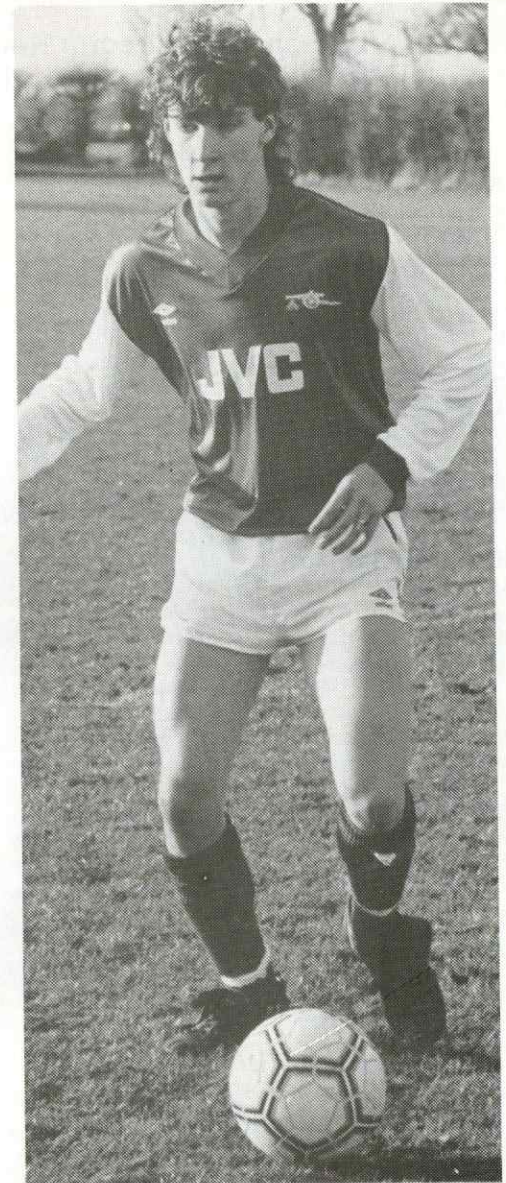
He was given another year to prove himself and made good progress. He was just regaining his confidence when he was injured again — this time with back trouble which kept him out for three months.

Thankfully, he's been injury free so far this season, when he's been playing in the youth team.

"It's very hard to get into the youth team because we have so many good players and the squad is so big," says Steve: "Some of the boys are older and they tend to be picked for the more important games so I haven't been able to hold down a regular place yet".

He spends most of his spare time travelling to and from Arsenal. Still living at home means that he is up at 6.30 a.m. so he can get to Highbury for training.

During pre-season training, he had a 12 hour day — not much fun for a youngster, but Steve is used to that now. All that travelling does not leave much time for a social life!



BY KEVIN CONNOLLY

SAFETY COMES FIRST

Arsenal managing director Ken Friar discusses the implications of the Popplewell report



Arsenal Stadium is one of the safest grounds in Europe — because Arsenal have spent over £1,000,000 in recent years making sure it meets all the latest safety requirements.

Highbury is one of the few grounds that won't need drastic improvements in the light of the Popplewell report on ground safety.

Says Arsenal managing director Ken Friar: "Apart from minor works we have a completely clean bill of health. We have a 100% safety certificate from our local authority, the GLC — and our safety procedures have the full approval of the local fire service and the police."

"If the fire brigade or police come up with an idea to improve ground safety, we implement it."

The club's most recent measure was to change the siting of some terrace exits so fans could get out quickly in case of emergency.

Even before the Safety of Sports Grounds Act was introduced, Arsenal employed a firm of civil engineers to check the stadium and detail exactly what work needed to be done.

One installation Arsenal haven't included is fencing. The club has always resisted that move — even when it seemed the lack of fences might cost Arsenal future F.A. Cup semi-finals. The Bradford fire disaster has proved that decision right . . .

Arsenal are happy to comply — in advance — with Popplewell's safety recommendations.

Yet Friar remains quizzical when Popplewell recommends new laws to combat hooliganism.

"Any legislation that benefits the game is to be welcomed," says Friar.

Still he wonders at some of the provisions of the new legislation — like arresting fans for swearing. "Are you going to try to arrest 20,000 people if they use a chant that includes a swearword?" he asks.

Friar is convinced that the game mirrors society's problems; that 'football hooliganism' means hooliganism that happens around football grounds — not hooliganism caused by football. The distinction is vital.

"If football didn't exist, the hooligans would

find a different outlet" he claims: "Football is a ripe target, because it offers a chance for causing maximum disruption to other people's enjoyment with only a small risk of being caught in a big crowd.

"Football has a responsibility to make its grounds as safe as possible. The clubs have a responsibility to combat hooliganism, because it affects people who come to football and the people who live around us. But football can't be held totally responsible for society's ills.

"If respect for authority — and for other people — has broken down in the community, that's a social problem which is reflected at football matches — not a football problem that's reflected in society."

Friar rejects the Popplewell notion of a complete identity card scheme for football fans. He sat on the committee which considered introducing such a scheme. The committee members almost unanimously threw out the idea; because it was impractical and would drive away the casual supporters on whom many clubs depend.

But the Arsenal managing director is keen to introduce what he calls 'limited membership' schemes — to include as many fans as possible.

"By limited membership, I mean people who are known to the club," he explains: "At Arsenal this season over half our average gate of 25,000 is composed of season ticket holders, Travel Club members and Junior Gunners. They're all involved in membership schemes of one kind or another."

If Arsenal is structurally one of the safest grounds in Europe, it's thankfully one of the most trouble free too.

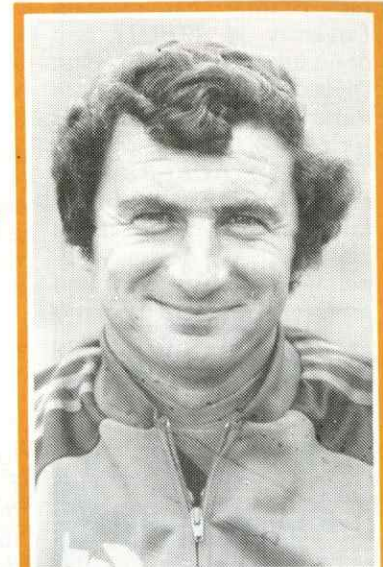
"We have excellent relations with the police, who work closely with our stewards and commissionaires. We have over 120 stewards on duty for every home game. We have video cameras to deter misbehaviour. We've put a lot of work and thought into making the ground as safe as we can. Last season 12 people were arrested out of a total gate of over 700,000. That's 12 too many."

BY TONY FOLEY

LUTON



OWN



DAVID PLEAT

Luton Town's F.A. Cup ambitions this season have taken on the proportions of a crusade. So, though they drew 2-2 with the Gunners at home in this fifth round tie, the Hatters are determined to pull out something special tonight to retrieve the situation.

Last season Luton players virtually had their studs in the Wembley turf. And they still find it difficult to believe how they had their day of glory snatched away from them.

Their semi-final against Everton at Villa Park was moving into its final five minutes and Luton still led by Ricky Hill's goal. Then they conceded a free-kick. Kevin Sheedy equalised. Came extra-time. Everton scored again. And Luton were out.

Boosted by vastly improved League form, Luton have looked aggressively confident in earlier rounds this season. Goals from Brian Stein and David Preece gave them a 2-1 win at Crystal Palace in round three.

PLEAT POLICY PAYS OFF

After leading Luton Town back into the First Division in 1982, David Pleat spent much of his time facing the threat of relegation. But he has always insisted upon getting out of trouble by playing positive, attacking football.

This season his policy is beginning to pay for Luton are now ideally placed to finish in their highest-ever position in the table.

David Pleat rose from reserve-team coach to team-manager within three years of joining Luton in 1974. He looked after the second team until Christmas 1977 when he was given the first-team trainer's job. Then, within a matter of weeks, Harry Haslam moved on to Sheffield United and Mr Pleat found himself in the managerial chair.

As a youngster with Nottingham Forest, Mr Pleat was picked for the England youth team and celebrated his First Division debut for Forest by scoring a goal. But he didn't get a great deal of encouragement at the City Ground so he moved on to Luton in 1964.

He soon won a regular place and he was a member of the Hatters' senior side for most of his three-year spell with them.

On July 1967 he moved on to Shrewsbury where he remained for only one season. He then signed for Exeter City and spent two seasons in the senior side at St. James Park. Another transfer took him to Peterborough where he completed his League playing days in 1971.

He then turned his hand to coaching and returned to his old club at Luton in 1974.

They then had a home tie against Bristol Rovers, the Third Division side that had its tail up after their victory over First Division Leicester. Luton ensured there would be no more giant-killing from Bobby Gould's team. Goals from Mick Harford, Ricky Hill,

Mark North and a Rovers' defender shot the Hatters to a 4-0 victory.

After their set-back at Kenilworth Road, where Mick Harford's equaliser earned them tonight's replay, Luton come to Highbury determined to take one step nearer to

Wembley — an experience they last enjoyed back in 1959.

LES SEALEY (Goal-keeper). Les has played himself back into the Luton side this season. He began his League career with Coventry in 1976/77 and completed over 150 First Division games before moving on to Luton in 1983 for £120,000.

TIM BREACKER (Defender). Tim is a former Luton apprentice. He made his early League appearances in 1983/84 and

FORM GUIDE

Luton Town results so far this season as follows:
(All League matches unless stated.)

Opponents	Res	Scorers	Crowd
Nottingham Forest (H)	1-1	Stein	11,318
Newcastle United (A)	2-2	Nwajobi, Harford	21,304
West Ham United (A)	1-0	Harford (pen)	14,104
Arsenal (H)	2-2	Nwajobi, Stein	10,012
Aston Villa (A)	1-3	Stein	10,524
Chelsea (H)	1-1	Harford	10,720
Everton (A)	0-2		26,419
QPR (H)	2-0	Harford, Foster	9,508
Sheffield United (Milk Cup)	(A) 2-1	Stein, Nwajobi	9,000
Sheffield Weds (A)	2-3	Harford (2)	17,887
Ipswich Town (H)	1-0	Nwajobi	8,553
Manchester Utd (H)	1-1	Stein	17,454
Sheffield United (Milk Cup)	(H) 3-1	Preece, North, Hill	5,660
Oxford United (A)	1-1	Stein	10,626
Southampton (H)	7-0	Nwajobi, Stein (3) 1 pen, Hill, Preece, Daniel	8,876
Liverpool (A)	2-3	Foster, Harford	31,488
Norwich City (Milk Cup)	(H) 0-2		8,202
Birmingham City (H)	2-0	Stein, Harford	8,550
Tottenham Hotspur (A)	3-1	Harford, Stein, Hill	19,163
Coventry City (H)	0-1		9,607
Watford (A)	2-1	Thomas, own goal	16,107
Manchester City (H)	2-1	Stein (2)	10,096
Newcastle United (H)	2-0	Harford, North	10,319
Nottingham Forest (A)	0-2		12,078
West Ham United (H)	0-0		14,589
WBA (A)	2-1	North, Harford	12,508
Ipswich Town (A)	1-1	North	16,155
Leicester City (H)	3-1	Harford (3)	10,917
Crystal Palace (FAC)	(A) 2-1	Stein, Preece	9,886
Chelsea (A)	0-1		21,102
Aston Villa (H)	2-0	Newell, Stein	10,217
Bristol Rovers (FAC)	(H) 4-0	Harford, Hill, North, own goal	12,483
Arsenal (A)	1-2	Harford	22,473
Southampton (A)	2-1	Newell, Stein	13,740
Arsenal (FAC)	(H) 2-2	Hill, Harford	15,799
D.P.R. (A)	1-1	Newell	16,252



RICKY HILL



MICK HARFORD

THE FIRST GAME

Saturday, February 15
F.A. Cup Fifth Round
Luton (2) 2: Hill, Harford.
Arsenal (2) 2: Allinson, Rocastle.
Attendance: 15,799.
LUTON: Sealey, Johnson, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein (Parker), Harford, North, Preece.
ARSENAL: Lukic, Anderson, Sansom, Williams, O'Leary, Keown, Allinson, Rocastle, Nicholas (Mariner), Woodcock, Rix.

established himself in First Division football last season.

STEVE FOSTER (Defender). Steve started as a striker with Portsmouth but soon switched to a defensive role. Brighton paid £130,000 to sign him in 1979. He won three England caps and played for the Seagulls in the 1983 F.A. Cup final replay but moved on soon afterwards to Aston Villa in a £300,000 deal. Luton signed him for £70,000 in November last season.

MAL DONAGHY (Defender). Mal has played both as central defender and at left-back for Luton and N. Ireland. He was signed from Larne for £20,000 in 1978 and is now a regular member of the N. Ireland team, winning his 39th cap against England this season.

MITCHELL THOMAS (Defender). Mitchell served his apprenticeship at Kenilworth Road made his League debut three seasons ago and has been a regular for the past two seasons. He's probably Kenny Sansom's closest challenger for the England left-back spot.

PETER NICHOLAS (Midfield). Former Gunner Peter won his 40th Wales cap against Hungary in October. He began his career with Crystal Palace as a full-back but later converted into a forceful midfielder player. He came to Highbury in a £400,000 deal in 1981 but found himself eased out in 1983. He returned to Palace in 1983 and Luton signed him for £150,000 last season.

RICKY HILL (Midfield). Ricky joined the Hatters as a schoolboy and has been a first-team regular for eight years. Three seasons ago his performances were rewarded by a call up to the England squad and he won full caps against Denmark and West Germany. He was recalled to the England squad for the recent international in Egypt and was in again for last week's friendly in Israel.

DAVID PREECE (Midfield). David has happy memories of Highbury for he was a member of the Walsall side that knocked us out of the Milk Cup here two seasons ago! David, who joined Luton from Walsall in a £150,000 deal last season, developed in the Saddlers' junior teams



ASHLEY GRIMES



BRIAN STEIN

and made his League debut in 1981. He won a regular place in the Walsall side three seasons ago.

ASHLEY GRIMES (Midfield). Ashley was transferred from Irish club Bohemians to Manchester United. He made his League debut for the Reds in 1978 and was capped on 16 occasions by the Republic of Ireland. He was valued at £200,000 when Coventry signed him in 1983. Luton signed him a year later.

MARK NORTH (Midfield). Mark developed in the Hatters' junior teams and has been blooded in the first-team this season. He has been holding a place in midfield since December. He did enjoy a brief run in League football last season while on loan to Lincoln.

BRIAN STEIN (Forward). Brian was blooded in Luton's first-team in 1977 and led their scoring list for the first time in 1980/81 with 19 goals. The following season, when they won promotion, he led the way again with 21. Brian has played once for the full England team and also has three under-21 caps. He has scored 16

times this season. **MIKE NEWELL (Forward).** Mike was signed from Wigan for £85,000 in January when Mick Harford was out injured. Mike began his League career with Crewe two seasons ago

but, after only three games, he was transferred to Wigan. Last season he scored 13 times and he had netted 19 times this season before his transfer. He scored his first goal for Luton against Aston Villa a fortnight ago.

MICK HARFORD (Forward). Mick returned to first team action in Luton's 4-0 F.A. Cup win over Bristol Rovers — less than three weeks after undergoing a knee operation. He's netted 17 times this season, and scored Luton's goal to cancel out our lead at Kenilworth Road.

Mick joined Luton from Birmingham in November 1984 in a £200,000 deal. He began his career with Lincoln City. He's also had spells with Newcastle, Bristol City and Birmingham.

When he joined Newcastle from Lincoln in a £200,000 deal in 1980, it was a record fee for a Fourth Division player.

LUTON'S ACHIEVEMENTS

FA Cup runners-up: 1959
Division Two champions: 1982

PAST MATCHES BETWEEN ARSENAL AND LUTON TOWN

Season	Division Two	
	Home	Away
1897/98	2-1	1-3
1898/99	3-0	1-4
1899/1900	5-1	0-3
Division One		
1955/56	3-0	0-0
1956/57	1-3	2-1
1957/58	2-0	0-4
1958/59	1-0	3-6
1959/60	0-3	1-0
1974/75	2-2	0-2
1982/83	4-1	2-2
1983/84	2-1	2-1
1984/85	3-1	1-3
1985/86	2-1	2-2

Arsenal's score shown first.

Football League Cup

1970/71 Third Round:	Arsenal won 1-0 at Luton
F.A. Cup	
1900/01 First Round:	Arsenal won 2-0 at Luton After 1-1 draw
1923/24 Third Round:	Arsenal won 4-1 at Highbury
1933/34 Third Round:	Arsenal won 1-0 at Luton
1951/52 Sixth Round:	Arsenal won 3-2 at Luton
1985/86 Fifth Round:	Drew 2-2 at Luton

THIS SEASON

Tuesday August 27, 1985
LUTON (1) 2 Nwajobi, Stein
ARSENAL (0) 2 Own goal, Woodcock
Attendance: 10,012
LUTON: Dibble, Breacker, Thomas, Nicholas, Parker, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Harford, Nwajobi, Preece.
ARSENAL: Lukic, Anderson, Sansom, Davis, O'Leary (Mariner), Caton, Robson, Allinson, Nicholas, Woodcock, Rix.

Saturday, February 1, 1986
ARSENAL (1) 2 Allinson (pen), Rix
LUTON (1) 1 Harford
Attendance: 22,473
ARSENAL: Lukic, Anderson, Sansom, Rocastle, O'Leary, Keown, Allinson, Mariner, Nicholas, Quinn, Rix.
LUTON: Sealey, Breacker, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Harford (North), Newell, Preece.

LAST SEASON

Saturday December 1, 1984
ARSENAL (1) 3 Allinson, Woodcock, Anderson
LUTON (0) 1 Stein
Attendance: 26,336
ARSENAL: Lukic, Anderson, Sansom, Talbot, Adams, Caton, Robson, Davis, Mariner, Woodcock, Allinson.
LUTON: Sealey, Breacker, Thomas, Turner, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Elliott, Bunn (Nwajobi), Parker.

Saturday May 4, 1985
LUTON (2) 3 Harford (2 pen), Nwajobi
ARSENAL (0) 1 Nicholas (pen)
Attendance: 12,051
LUTON: Sealey, Breacker, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill (Parker), Stein, Harford, Nwajobi, Preece.
ARSENAL: Lukic, Anderson, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Caton (Davis), Robson, Rix, Mariner, Allinson, Nicholas.



GUNNERS IN ACTION



F.A. Cup fifth round
Saturday, February 15
Luton Town 2
Arsenal 2



Viv Anderson challenges the Luton defence for a high free kick.

Ian Allinson (partly obscured) drives home our equaliser after Ricky Hill had given Luton an eighth minute lead.



Tony Woodcock takes on right back Rob Johnson.



David Rocastle nods home Tony Woodcock's cross to put us ahead. It was David's first senior goal.



JOHN LUKIC... ACHIEVING HIS GOALS AT HIGHBURY!

BY
KEVIN
CONNOLLY

It was only last season when John Lukic's career stood at a crossroads. Birmingham wanted him. John had visited St Andrew's. Then he drove back to Hertfordshire, arrived on Bob Wilson's doorstep, and told our 'double' hero and goalkeeper coach he planned to prove just what he could achieve — at Highbury.

Now the Gunners fans sing 'England's number one' to greet him. Our Scandinavian Supporters Club voted him their player of the year. And the 6ft 4in giant from Wilson's home town of Chesterfield was put on stand-by for an England call, for the January trip to Egypt.

John, who joined us from Leeds in the summer of 1983, is proving the quality that once marked him out as England's Under-21 'keeper with a glowing future in front of him.

That doesn't surprise Wilson. "John joined Arsenal from Leeds a season after they'd been relegated — and playing in a relegated side affects a goalkeeper's confidence more than it does a player in any other position," says Bob. "Even the great Peter Shilton suffered for a while when he was at Stoke and they were relegated. And a goalkeeper with great potential, like Mervyn Day never got over West Ham dropping into Division Two.

"I thought when John arrived, it would take him two or three years to rebuild his game and his confidence — and he's done that ahead of schedule."

It gave John a big psychological boost when he got into the first team midway through last season — and stayed there.

The incredible Pat Jennings had already seen off younger challengers like George Wood and Paul Barron. John had been Pat's understudy for 18 months. But this time Lukic was in for keeps.

Says John: "I've come out of myself more this season. I am more dominant around the box. My confidence has grown through playing regularly in the first team. The crowd have been great to me, and I'm enjoying my game."

Wilson wants to see him grow even more dominant round that penalty area.

"John is very strong, very tall, and he has a great pair of hands," comments Bob: "I'd like to see him come and catch crosses 15 or 16 yards from goal, like Bruce Grobbelaar does. He can take the knocks. He must believe in himself — because he has the ability."



Wilson points out that goalkeepers often reach their peak much later than outfield players. The mighty Jennings played until he was 40, the great Dino Zoff played his most memorable games when he'd turned 35, and Shilton is still England's number one, at 36. In goalkeeping terms, 25 year-old Lukic is but a baby with years to improve ahead of him.

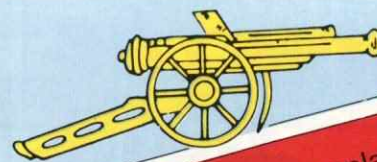
"His improvement has been terrific. Watch him train and you'll see how hard he works," says Wilson "For such a big man his ability low down is extraordinary, and he's very smart at narrowing attackers' angles."

Wilson believes Lukic has shot into the ranks of those top quality 'keepers who can turn a match with a brilliant save. John has made plenty of those; penalty stops at Manchester United and QPR when the games were goalless — and we went on to win both, a fabulous save from Steve McMahon when we led 1-0 against Liverpool and the Reds were pouring forward, an incredible second half display at Leicester when he made four brilliant saves and the Gunners escaped with a 2-2 draw when they could have been buried in the closing minutes.

Yet John prefers to remember his bad games rather than the good ones. "You learn most from your mistakes. I try to analyse everything I've done wrong so I can put it right. That's the only way I'll improve," he says.

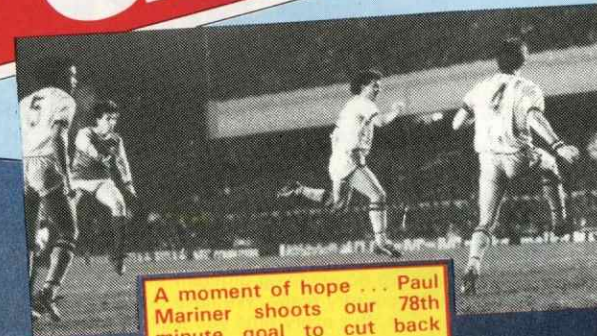
The Scandinavian honour, and the England stand-by, came right out of the blue. "When I was told I'd won the award, I thought at first it was a wind-up," he admitted: "And I'd never thought about playing for England, let alone going to Mexico for the World Cup finals."

Wilson has thought about it. "John has worked his way to the fringe of the squad. He's got to go on from there," he says, adding firmly: "After Peter Shilton, John Lukic has been as consistent as any 'keeper in Britain this season."



GUNNERS IN ACTION

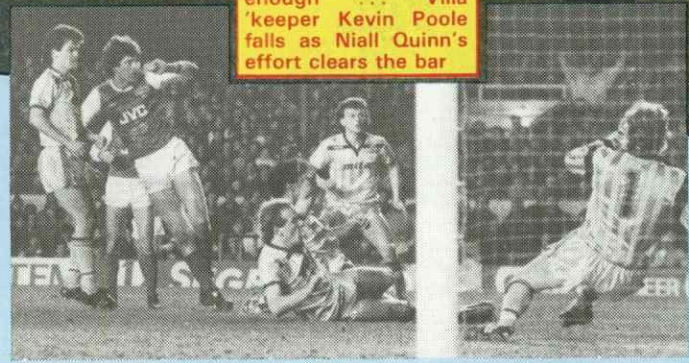
Milk Cup quarter-final replay
February 4: Villa spring a shock
ARSENAL 1
ASTON VILLA 2



A moment of hope... Paul Mariner shoots our 78th minute goal to cut back Villa's lead



Close, but not close enough... Villa 'keeper Kevin Poole falls as Niall Quinn's effort clears the bar



Typical action from those furious last 20 minutes... Villa 'keeper Kevin Poole leaps to punch clear as the Gunners queue up in the penalty area.

Viv wants to give the perfect answer

By COLIN BENSON

There is no getting away from it. Arsenal always seem to be taking stick from someone!

"We get far more than our fair share of criticism," claims England fullback Viv Anderson: "And it is very unjust."

"I don't think we do anything different to any other club in the country really. We have our good spells and our bad. But every time you pick up a paper there always seems to be someone willing to knock us!

"Happily we are slowly earning more favourable comments because of the results we're achieving and how we're getting them — and that's a good thing."

The basis of the Gunners resurgence has been a solid defence. Viv points out: "If you look at our goals against, we have the third best record in the First Division."

"In that respect we have done really well as a back-four — and although earlier this season we were tending to hit a lot of long balls out of defence in the last three months we have played more balls to feet and got a lot of good results."

"Our system has been criticised since John Cartwright took over as coach last summer but our game hasn't altered that much. I still get forward into attacking positions — in fact probably more so now than I did before. I am quite happy with our pattern of play."

Viv's previous experience was gained with Nottingham Forest, for whom he made over 300 League appearances — and he maintains that there is far more pressure put on players with top London clubs.

"Nottingham is a relatively small place compared to London and we didn't attract the attention of the national media in the same way as we do at Arsenal. You can get away with a lot more in Nottingham than you can here; that's for sure."

"But there are always two sides to every coin and the rewards here are a lot greater if you do achieve success. For example. If Arsenal managed half we achieved at Forest in the late 1970s, when we won the Championship and the European Cup twice, then we would pull in 40,000 fans here every week. At Forest we had a steady 19,000 regardless of whether we won the European Cup or not."

"I still fancy us to win something this year. We are playing much more together now. We have the F.A. Cup, and tonight's replay against Luton as well as the League — which I think is still a possibility if we win our games in hand."

"Overall we have done very very well. I just hope we can continue the good work and finish the season with a major trophy on the sideboard."

"That would be the perfect answer to all our critics."



Highbury Hotline

LETTERS FROM OUR SUPPORTERS

ROTHERHAM VICTORY

On Page 78, of the Arsenal Handbook 1985/86 it can be seen that Arsenal played Rotherham United at Highbury in the Third round of the Football League Cup, season 1972/73 and won 5-0.

In the programme for the F.A. Fourth round v Rotherham United this information was omitted from the panel on page 10 headed 'Past Matches between Arsenal and Rotherham'.

Perhaps the inclusion of this letter in the next publication of Highbury Hotline will help to refresh the memories of all our supporters of this fine victory.

Ron Powell
Bristol
Hands up! We made a mistake and forgot to include that result. Thanks to Ron for pointing it out.

STATISTICAL ODDS

Your readers might be interested to know that the odds against 37 or more away matches resulting from a sequence of 54 cup draws (see your comments on Mr J Glover's letter in the Rotherham match programme) are about 220 to 1. Who can call us lucky Arsenal after that?
Edward Lazarus
Finchley

LONG SERVING FAN

My husband's cousin, Mr Harry Petty of Clapton Park, this year celebrates 40 years of being a season ticket holder of Arsenal. I really think this must be an achievement in these days when football support from older people has gone down.

Could you give him a mention in the programme for being such a loyal supporter.

He is not aware I am writing to you, so would be a nice surprise!
Mrs T Rose
Ashby-de-la-Zouch
Leicester

LETTER FROM WARSAW

You don't get many letters from Poland so you may be pleased to know that you have some fans here also.

I am twenty-one years old and an Arsenal supporter living in Poland and would like someone to correspond with me. My favourite Polish club is Legia Warsaw and my other interests are reading and music.
Tomasz Jundzill
Ul. S. Kaliskiego 29/103
01-489 Warszawa
Poland

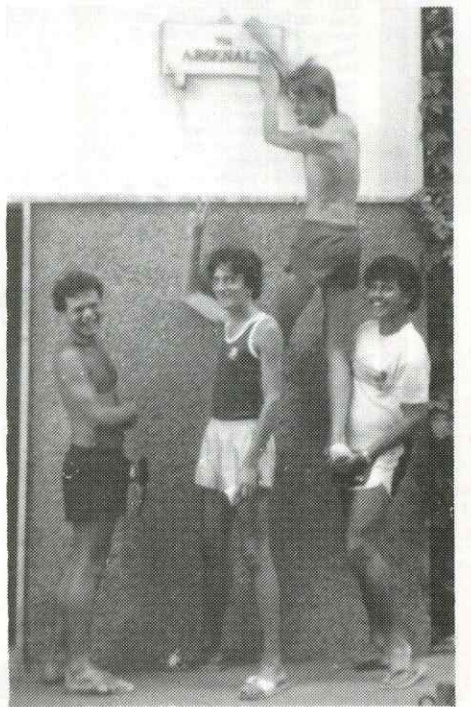
VIDEO RECORDINGS

I am a 26 year old Arsenal supporter who would like to get in touch with anyone who could supply me with VHS video recordings of any Arsenal games from the past 15 years. I would especially like a copy of the 1979 F.A. Cup Final.

I read in a programme last year about an enquiry about the possibility of recordings being made of Arsenal's games and offered for sale by the club — are there any further developments in this matter?
K Bell
15 Kirk Street
Milngavie
Glasgow G62 7PN
Plans for video sales are still being considered. If we do decide to sell match videos, we'll make an announcement in the programme.

ANOTHER FUNNY PICTURE

I am enclosing a photograph for the 'Around the World' collection. It was taken in Italy whilst my boyfriend and his mates were on holiday — they thought it would be amusing as they are Spurs supporters!
Karen Furnace
Edmonton



PROGRAMME WANTED (1)

I am writing to you as one of the many Arsenal supporters who travelled to the Milk Cup Quarter Final against Aston Villa at Villa Park.

When I got into the ground I was very disappointed to find that the programme kiosk had sold out of programmes and I was wondering if any Arsenal supporter could help me obtain a copy of this programme.

B Mandell
38 Borrow Dale
Robert Street
NW1 4DH

PROGRAMME WANTED (2)

Due to unforeseen circumstances I was unable to get an Arsenal v Manchester United programme this season dated 24th August and was wondering if any of your readers could help me in obtaining one — it is the only one I haven't got in years.

M Charles
29 St Marys Road
Peckham SE15

by FIONA COHN

WHO IS THIS MAN ROWLEY...?

Who is this man Steve Rowley? Well, if he carries on the way he's been going, he'll have had a big hand in building the Arsenal team of the future.

He has been scouting for the club for six years. At the moment he's our assistant Youth Officer — which involves helping Terry Murphy with London trials and looking after the Northern boys when they come to London.

But his top priority is heading our scouting network in Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk.

Steve has always been involved in football — playing for the district and Sunday teams until he was 18; then hanging up his boots so he could concentrate on running local team Gidea Park Rangers.

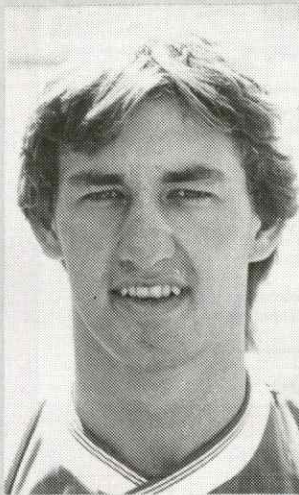
After that, he graduated to Ilford Football Club — and that's where Arsenal approached him.

Although he was a staunch West Ham supporter, he used to visit Highbury regularly to watch ex-Ilford player-coach Terry Burton taking training sessions with the youngsters from his area.

He was so impressed with Terry's coaching — and the way he treated the boys — he decided if the opportunity ever arose for him to work for Arsenal, he would jump at it. Since he came to work for the club, he's never looked back.

He loves his work. The prospect of spotting new talent excites him.

His first catch was Tony



Tony Adams, Steve's first catch.

Adams — and watching Tony's development into an England U-21 cap over the last six years has given him great satisfaction.

Since Tony, he has brought lots of youngsters to the club.

But what does scouting really involve? Steve thinks the public harbour some misconceptions about what really goes into the job . . .

"There is much more to do than going to a game, watching a player and signing him up", he explains. "It's a much more

complex process than that. Because the competition between clubs for young players is so stiff, scouts must become involved with the boys' parents and schooling and be genuinely interested in their welfare". In his regions, Steve has four scouts working for him (and ultimately Terry Murphy). Before a boy is asked to come to Arsenal for a trial, all five scouts will have watched him play and discussed his potential.

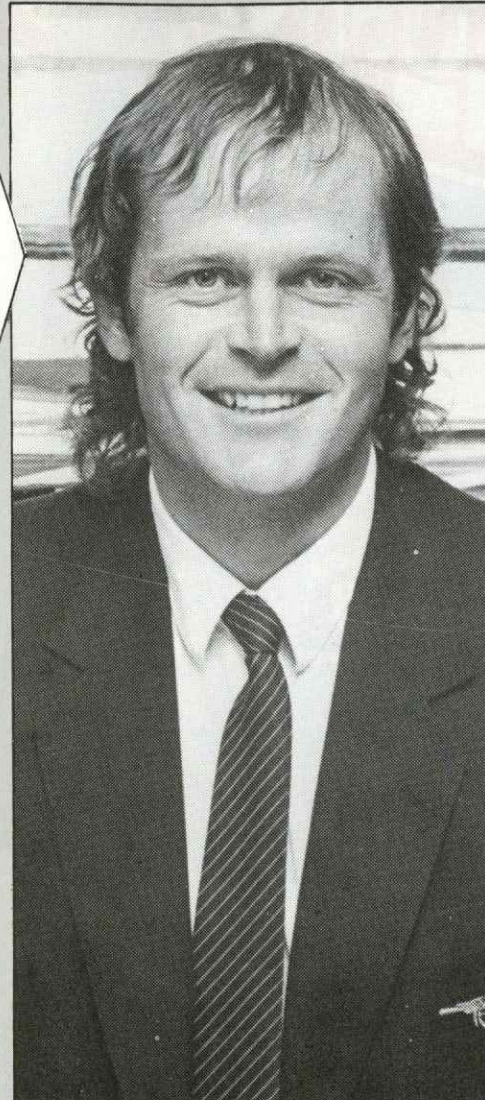
"To start with, we look for a boy's all round ability; pace, skill and touch", he says. "But even more important than that is his attitude, because however good he is on the field, if he hasn't got the right approach and a strong character, he'll find it very difficult to make it."

Because of this detailed vetting procedure, Arsenal sign far fewer schoolboys than most other top clubs. The Highbury policy is a matter of quality rather than quantity.

And it's almost as thrilling for the scouts when 'their boys' are offered professional forms as it is for the boys.

Apart from Terry Burton, Steve cites Steve Burtenshaw as the man who's had the greatest influence on him . . .

"He is so professional and so good when it comes to dealing with the parents", says Rowley: "In fact, he has been the



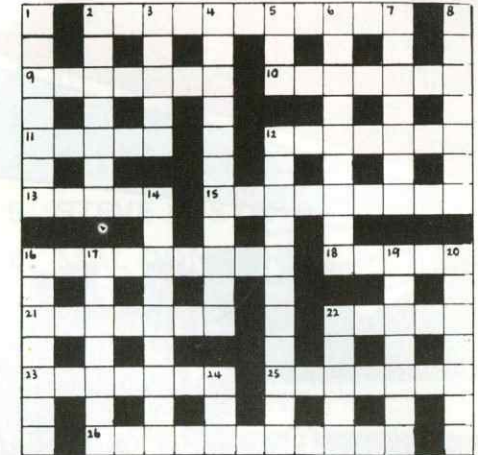
Steve Rowley . . . a man with a big hand in shaping Gunners teams of the future

difference between many of the boys signing for Arsenal as opposed to another club. He's also been the cornerstone of the youth set-up and he is someone you can always look to for help and advice."

Rowley also runs a centre in Grays, Essex — for boys who can't come to Highbury during the week. He admits he's 'totally committed' to his job. But despite the time and effort he puts in, he is not a full-time member of staff at Highbury. Steve's ambition is to work in football full time, but realises that only six years involvement in the game renders him a comparative novice. He hopes that when his youngsters start breaking into the first team, his time for recognition will come.

Puzzle Corner

ARSENAL CROSSWORD No. 473
Compiled by John Barrett



ACROSS

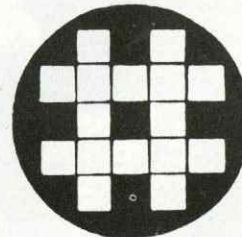
- An old United name (11)
- Arsenal recruit from Portman Road (7)
- Money-raising efforts (7)
- Andy and Eddie, in Essex! (5)
- Deteriorating like a pitch? (7)
- Teams for the wings? (5)
- Demotes Eric at last (9)
- Prove too strong for (9)
- Fitness checks (5)
- Sick birds? (7)
- Mick Mills City (5)
- Used to be Forest's keeper (7)
- Stretched to the ball (7)
- Was a Leicester goalgetter (4,7)

DOWN

- Hurts (7)
- Stan, League Cup medal winner in 1969 (7)
- Encloses circles? (5)
- Every club hopes to have them (5,6)
- The score you'd expect (3)
- Inaccurate, when shooting (3,6)
- He plays on his own! (7)
- Leaves a club or comes back (7)
- Watford defender (4,7)
- Fan with drink in super enclosure? (9)
- Played against (7)
- Getting paid in anger, perhaps (7)
- Fall on, like a 'keeper' (7)
- Chelsea's David (7)
- Not prepared to play (5)
- No score (3)

ON THE BALL No. 18

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.



A starter for Silkman Malcolm or Ally Lloyd of England "The Railwaymen"

ANSWERS TO No. 17

Group, Brian, Hurst, Walsh.

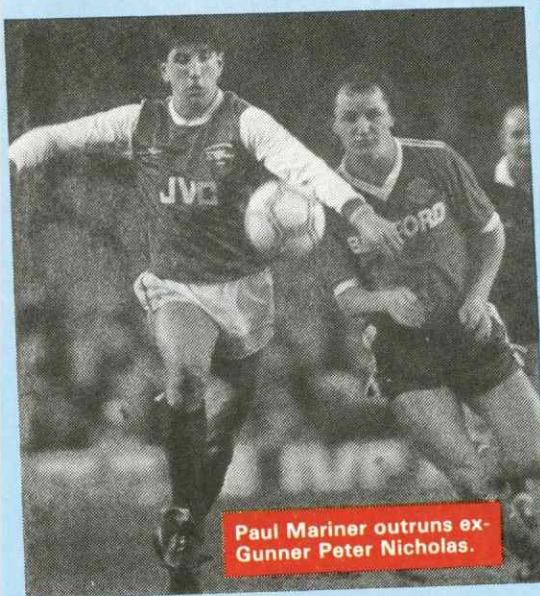
SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD No. 472 IN LAST PROGRAMME. Across 1. Blackburn Rovers, 9. Scapegoat, 10. Extra, 11. Even, 12. Rival, 13. Enic 16. Belgian, 18. Lincoln, 19. Left leg, 21. Shilton, 22. Team, 23. Nines, 24 Uses, 28. Above, 29. Play an ace, 30. Sheffield United. Down: 1. Basketball teams, 2. Agate, 3. Keen, 4. Utopian, 5. Netball, 6. Over, 7. Eating out, 8 Stand on one's head, 14. Mills, 15. Unfit, 17. Left alone, 20. Glimpse, 21 Steward, 25. Start, 26. Jeff, 27. Warn.



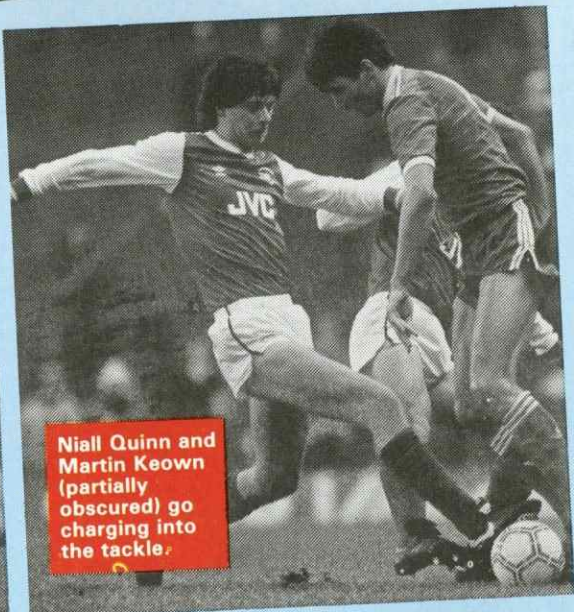
GUNNERS IN ACTION

The last time we met at Highbury...
Canon League
February 1
Arsenal 2
Luton Town 1

Ian Allinson tucks away a fourth minute penalty for our first goal.



Paul Mariner outruns ex-Gunner Peter Nicholas.



Niall Quinn and Martin Keown (partially obscured) go charging into the tackle.



THE TEAMS



ARSENAL
Red shirts, white neck and sleeves, white shorts, red socks

LUTON TOWN
White shirts, black shorts, orange and white socks

- 1 JOHN LUKIC
- 2 VIV ANDERSON
- 3 KENNY SANSOM
- 4 STEVE WILLIAMS
- 5 DAVID O'LEARY
- 6 MARTIN KEOWN
- 7 IAN ALLINSON
- 8 DAVID ROCASTLE
- 9 CHARLIE NICHOLAS
- 10 TONY WOODCOCK
- 11 GRAHAM RIX
- 12

- 1 LES SEALEY
- 2 ROB JOHNSON
- 3 MITCHELL THOMAS
- 4 PETER NICHOLAS
- 5 STEVE FOSTER
- 6 MAL DONAGHY
- 7 RICKY HILL
- 8 BRIAN STEIN
- 9 MICK HARFORD
- 10 MARK NORTH
- 11 DAVID PREECE
- 12

OFFICIALS

REFEREE:

MR. ALLAN GUNN (Burgess Hill, Sussex). Purchasing Manager. Married with two daughters. Commenced refereeing in 1965 in Sussex and progressed via Football Combination. Interested in swimming and squash. Refereed F.A. Youth Cup Final in 1980, lined 1982 Charity Shield and France v Brazil in 1978. Refereed 1985 Milk Cup Semi-Final.

LINESMEN:

- Mr. P. DON (Middx.) Red Flag
- Mr. A. J. BUNCE (Oxon) Yellow Flag

The reserve official today has been appointed by the North Middlesex Referees' Society.



SCOREBOARD

- BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
- PETERBOROUGH UNITED
- MILLWALL
- SOUTHAMPTON
- WATFORD
- BURY
- WEST HAM UNITED
- MANCHESTER UNITED
- SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY
- DERBY COUNTY

ARSENAL F.C.
VOUCHER 19
1985/86

COMING GAMES AT HIGHBURY

If we beat Luton tonight, we will be at home to the winners of the Tottenham v Everton tie, in the F.A. Cup sixth round on Saturday (March 8), kick-off 3.00 p.m. provided Tottenham and Everton do not have to replay on Friday.



So advanced, it will even improve your steering.

Have we come up with some electronic automobile guidance system? Or perhaps some computer controlled directional laser?

No, not quite. Nevertheless, the new JVC KS-R770 does do away with many a manual task.

It has been designed to perform a number of irksome jobs, automatically.

It has U-turn auto reverse. When one side of a tape is finished, it commences to play the other. (No longer will you be turning

over cassettes when you should be turning the steering wheel.)

It also has music scan. At the touch of a button the tape player selects the last forward mode, finds the gap between tracks and then re-commences play.

(The musical equivalent of overtaking the Sunday driver.)

Our little box of tricks is equally adept at finding radio stations.

Simply touch 'scan' and the tuner cruises along the frequency bands. Then stops at every broadcast for five seconds to see if you like it.

Alternatively, there is 'seek-tuning'. This locates the station and 'locks-on' electronically. It makes a signal harder to lose than the back end of an Audi Quattro.

But the KS-R770 not only takes operations out of your hands, it performs them more efficiently too.

It has the JVC-developed Sen Alloy head.

A device that gives metal tape compatibility and achieves a higher signal-to-noise ratio.

It also incorporates full-logic mechanism to give instant response

between functions. As you'd expect, it features Dolby and a link-up for a graphic equaliser.

There's also FM muting, an engine noise suppressor and even a built-in digital quartz clock.

Finally, output. The KS-R770 develops a thumping 22 watts per channel.

Well, every keen driver likes having plenty of power on tap.

If you'd like to see this, or any other model in the range, your JVC dealer has it all at his fingertips.



Model No. KS-R770 (UK) © 1987 JVC