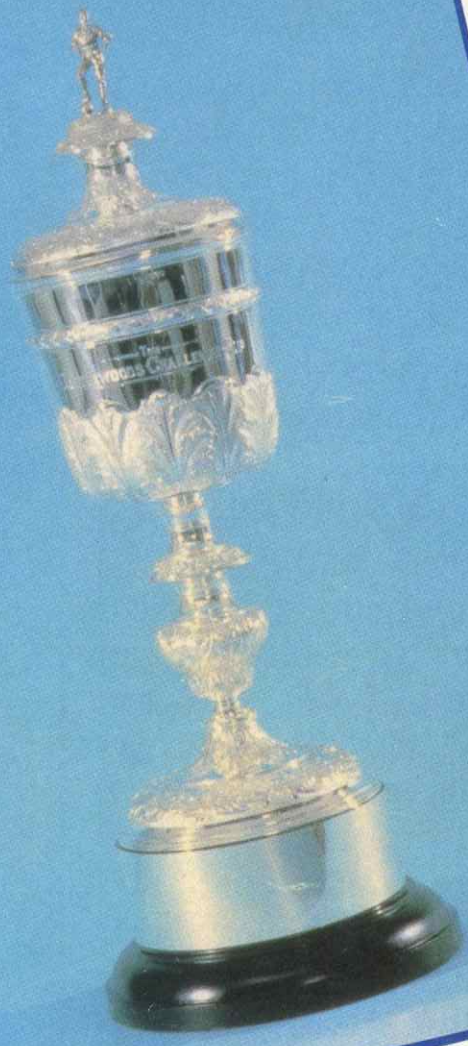


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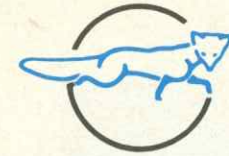
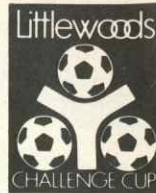
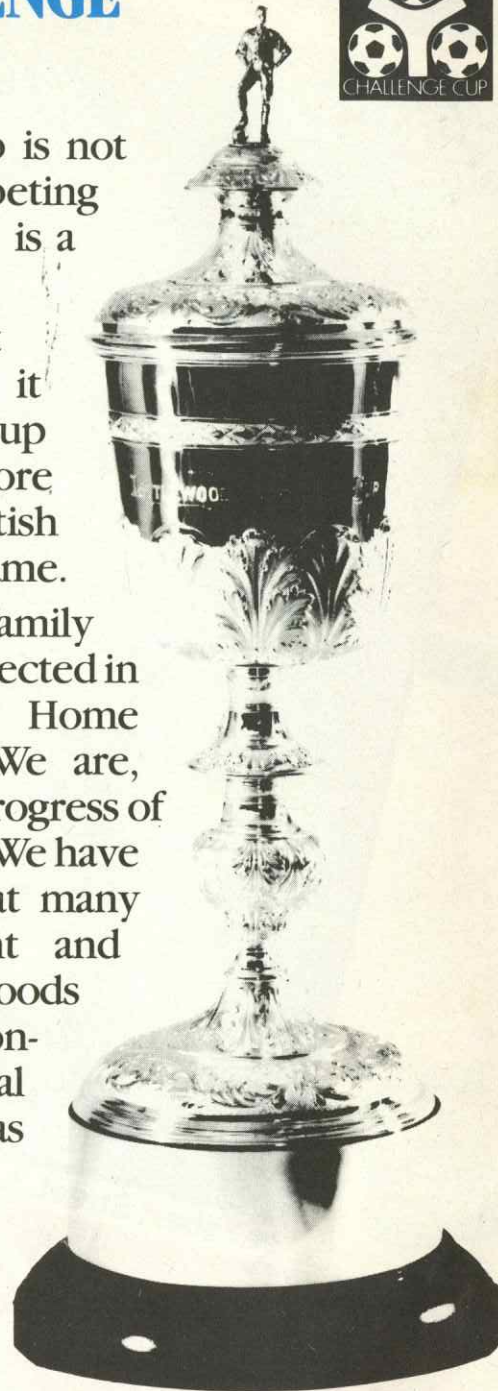
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Welcome

Welcome tonight to Luton Town and Coventry City in what is a most unusual context.

Leicester City have on several occasions in the past staged second replays of Cup ties – notably the series of Arsenal/Sheffield Wednesday epics of nearly nine years ago.

But this evening's game does not fall into that category, being the opening tie of the Third Round Littlewoods Cup clash.

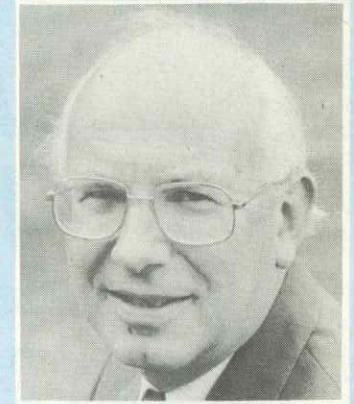
Most of you know the reason – owing to the Membership only policy followed by Luton over the last eighteen months, their Kenilworth Road ground is now not suitable to accommodate large numbers of visiting supporters.

With the enthusiastic Coventry support of nineteen eighty seven – there's nothing like winning the FA Cup to get things going! – Luton's draw with Coventry obviously posed them a problem they could only solve by playing elsewhere.

We were delighted to receive Luton's request for help, and after contact with our police to ensure that the game could be adequately covered we were pleased to accept the opportunity of staging the game.

It has proved to be an interesting exercise, planning arrangements for the game, as we have had to provide accommodation for supporters from Luton, Coventry and Leicester, although we do expect most of our supporters to be with us at Oxford tomorrow night.

The travelling support expected tonight does, however, show the vast interest in the Littlewoods Cup – the



LEICESTER CITY

General Secretary
Alan Bennett

Cinderella of soccer those twenty years ago when, under it's original title of the League Cup, it struggled to make an impact for several seasons.

Obviously, the move of the Final to Wembley helped, added to the bait of a European qualifying place for the winners.

Now, even without temporarily that Eurospot, the Competition has proved so attractive that it's main sponsor, Littlewoods, were happy to take it over at the start of last Season.

Leicester City wish both Luton and Coventry the best of luck tonight in what should be a fine game, and hope that perhaps we shall see the winners back here again in a future Round – preferably playing against City should we prove successful tomorrow night!

Have a good evening, and a safe journey home.

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Good luck to all from an established winner.

LUTON TOWN

Luton Town have improved steadily since promotion to Division One in 1982, and last season finished a best-ever 7th, despite a depressing list of injuries which would have seriously disrupted most clubs.

The Hatters however, have not found the going so easy this season, and are still searching for last term's consistency. Manager **Ray Harford**, is of course a newcomer, moving up from First Team Coach when John Moore called it a day last May after just one season.

It was also the Littlewoods Cup which put the club controversially in the limelight when the club refused to allow visiting supporters into Kenilworth Road, and were of course banned from the competition. Luton's famous synthetic pitch however, continues to build bridges in the local community with thousands of local footballers using the facilities.

Goalkeeper **Les Sealey** is of course a Coventry City old-boy, and as a regular for the past three seasons has an impressive number of clean sheets to his name.

Right-back **Tim Breacker** is a tough-tackling defender who likes to make piercing overlapping runs. Now in his fourth season with the club, Breacker has also won England Under-21 recognition.

Left-back **Ashley Grimes** is an experienced Eire International who rose to prominence with Manchester United. Was on the brink of moving to Swindon last season, but stayed and clocked up an impressive 36 appearances.

Central defence is one of Luton's strong-

points, with club captain and Player/Coach **Steve Foster** at the heart of things with his distinctive white headband. A skilful player for a big man, Foster's career has blossomed after an unhappy spell at Aston Villa.

His partner **Mal Donaghy** is Luton's most capped international with more than 50 appearances for Northern Ireland, and has been a regular since arriving from Larne in 1978. A fine reader of the game, he is the perfect complement to Foster.

Ricky Hill continues to impress after eleven years at the club, and his silky skills and deadly runs and shots make him one of the finest attacking midfielders in the country.

Northern Ireland international **Danny Wilson** was a close season signing from Brighton, and has slotted well into the midfield following the departure of Welsh star Peter Nicholas to Aberdeen.

David Preece, a £150,000 buy from Walsall provides grit, determination, and no little skill and penetration from the left midfield, but recent injuries have opened the way for former Oldham utility man **Darren McDonough**.

Up front, Luton possess plenty of talent with big striker **Mick Harford** leading the line. A £250,000 buy, Harford is brave, mobile and good in the air.

Loyal **Brian Stein** has been with the club ten years. Top scorer last season, he now operates behind the main strikers where his subtle style and shooting ability are a constant danger.

His younger brother **Mark Stein** is one of several prospects waiting for a regular



Brian Stein

place, while other pacey front men include teenager **Kingley Black** and the crowd-pleasing but unpredictable Nigerian star **Emeka Nwajobi**.

Completing the picture are two new signings. **Ian Allinson** had experience with Arsenal and Stoke City, but Luton's major capture is 21-year-old **Micky Weir**, who was one of Scotland's most sought-after forwards when he signed recently from Hibernian for a substantial fee.



Back Row: David Preece, Rob Johnson, Richard Harvey, Stacey North, Darren McDonough, Robert Wilson, Mark Stein.
Middle Row: Jim Ryan (Coach), John Faulkner (Coach), Emeka Nwajobi, Ashley Grimes, Les Sealey, Mick Harford, Andy Dibble, Mike Newell (now Leicester City), Danny Wilson, Dave Kirby (Physio).
Front Row: Peter Nicholas (now Aberdeen), Brian Stein, Steve Foster, Ray Harford (Manager), Mal Donaghy, Ricky Hill, Tim Breacker.



Northern Ireland international defender Mal Donaghy knows he will be up against tough opposition tonight when he lines up in the Hatters rearguard against Coventry City.

But he has few fears at meeting the Sky Blues' spearhead of Cyrille Regis and David Speedie and hopes Luton's 'lucky feeling' about Filbert Street will see them through to the next round.

"We were not really too happy at losing our home advantage", said Donaghy, who won his 51st cap for Northern Ireland two weeks ago in their European Championship clash with Yugoslavia.

"Everyone wants to play at home and on their

Mal Donaghy

own pitch if they can. Now it is something we shall have to treat as a one-off game. But we know we can do well anywhere and we shall be feeling confident. We have always played pretty well at Leicester and have a hunch it could be a lucky ground for us tonight."

Now 30, Belfast-born Donaghy has made more than 440 appearances for Luton since arriving from Larne for a small fee as one of former manager David Pleat's greatest transfer coups.

He has also established himself as one of the steadiest – and quickest – central defenders in the First Division and experienced football at the highest levels with Northern Ireland in the Spanish World Cup of 1982 and the Mexican World Cup of 1986.

"We have had a bit of an inconsistent start to the season, but a lot of that is down to suspensions early on and then quite a few injuries.

"I had to miss a couple of games myself – including our early season defeat at home

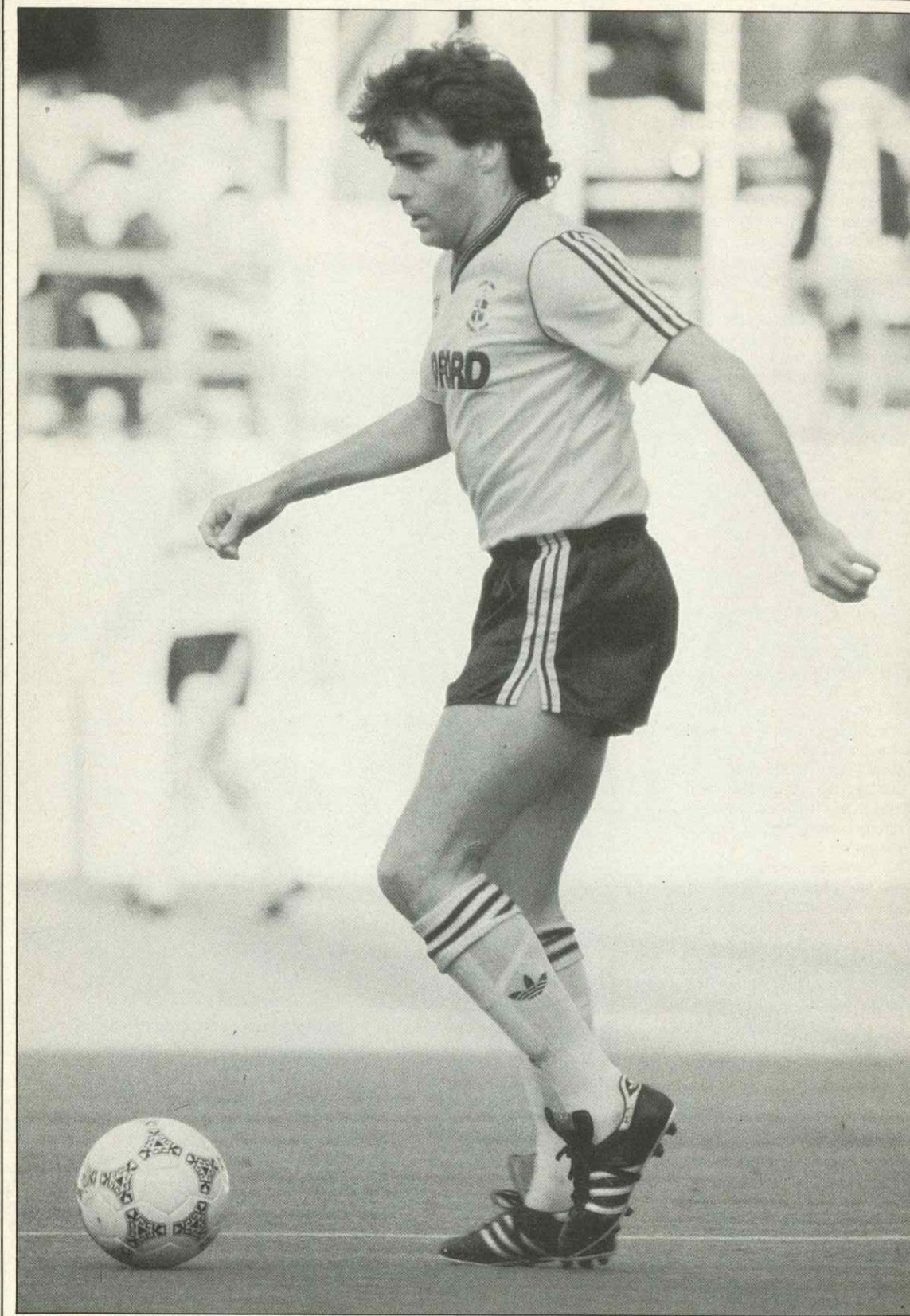
by Coventry in August. I think that is one we would rather forget as we were never able to get it right that night.

"Instead, we shall point to the fact that we did the double over Coventry last season. Les Sealey had a great game at Highfield Road against his old club and we really defended well that day. But since then they have won the FA Cup so they are obviously going to be full of confidence.

"We have not really been able to get a settled team going yet this season or a settled system but hope to be back to something like our best by tonight.

"I know Cyrille can be a handful when he is in form and he seems to be back to something like his own best now, especially as he has forced his way back into the England squad.

"But we shall be looking to keep him quiet tonight and do the business ourselves. We have got a lot of good players of our own and several danger men who can cause havoc in their defence. So it could be a good tussle."



Luton Town manager Ray Harford believes Coventry's example in winning the FA Cup last season has shown all the so-called smaller clubs the way. But he has no intention of allowing his respect for the Sky Blues' achievements to stand in the way of a Hatters' Littlewoods Cup triumph at Filbert Street tonight.

"They are a good side and deserve a lot of respect for winning the Cup the way they did and putting a smile back on the game," he said. "But we shall be out to play a lot of good football ourselves and win the game."

Harford, who stepped up to become Luton's manager when John Moore resigned at the end of last season, was formerly the club's chief coach. He is a great believer in open, attractive attacking football and thinks tonight's tie could turn out to be a real cracker if both teams turn on the style.

"We have got a lot of time for them, but we know what we can do too and I am sure we are well capable of winning this match. They are establishing themselves as one of the bigger clubs now after winning the Cup. That win did so much for them. It has allowed them to plan big and to spend £800,000 on one player in their efforts to join the big boys.

"But you don't have to spend a lot to build a good team. We have some very good players all over the team who have not cost us big fees and I am sure it is the same at most clubs. On our day, we can beat anyone... and obviously I am hoping that we will turn on some of our best form here tonight.

"We have been a bit unlucky with injuries lately losing midfielders David Preece and Ricky Hill and finding it a bit of a struggle, but we have kept on battling and trying to play our own brand of football.

"Mick Harford has kept up his form magnificently and scored goals for us, and he deserved his England B call-up the other week when we had five of our first team men away on international duty.

"Several of the rest of the lads have sampled international football as well, so we have loads of ability and experience. We shall be looking to put it all together in the match tonight.

"We know cup football is a bit different - especially if you are playing on a neutral ground - and I hope all our fans who have travelled up will give the team some real backing. Thanks for coming."



Ray Harford

Winning the FA Cup at Wembley last season gave us our first real taste of what success is like - and it's left us hungry for more.

Mind you, it's not an easy act to follow although, judging by the size of the trophy cabinet they have had installed, the board are certainly expecting great things. Filling that could take a few years unless we put a few of the Coventry Bees speedway trophies in there as well!

But the FA Cup and the FA Youth Cup are lovely starters from our point of view and at the end of this season I'd like to see the Littlewoods Cup in there as well. The First Division Championship trophy would not go amiss either.

In some ways, I suppose that Lady Luck has already smiled on us favourably as regards tonight's game against Luton. The fact that it has been switched here to Filbert Street has turned what was an away tie, into very much a home game for our fans.

I want to stress, though, that we would have had no fears of going to Kenilworth Road to play the match on Luton's artificial pitch. We have had some damn good results there and know how to play on that sort of surface.

But I certainly prefer Filbert Street to Fulham's Craven Cottage where it was originally suggested the match be played. That would have been a heck of a distance for our fans to travel. But we should have a good following here tonight, and if they give us the sort of support they did last season on our FA Cup run it really will be like a home match for us.

Moving the game to Leicester has perhaps tipped the scales in our favour and we have to be in with a hell of a chance.

At the same time I have the greatest respect and the highest regard for Luton. They are an attractive, entertaining side with some top class players in their ranks. Big Mick Harford is always a danger and I've long been an admirer of Ricky Hill. I also rate Mal Donaghy highly, as well as goalkeeper Les Sealey - a Sky Blue old boy. Les is an outstanding 'keeper in my view.

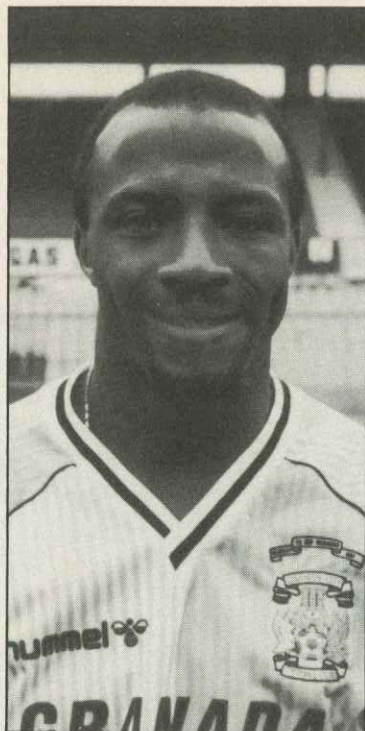
But being the winners of a major trophy has made all our players aware of what a marvellous feeling it is to appear at Wembley. They want to do it again and I see no reason why we shouldn't.

We have all the qualities and are frightened of no-one. I have belief in these players and they believe in themselves.

The first target however is to overcome Luton tonight and we know that won't be easy, but if both sides play to their full potential, the winners will be the fans because I'm certain the match will be an absolute cracker, full of exciting attacking football.

John Sillett





Suddenly life is sweet again for rejuvenated Coventry City striker Cyrille Regis.

An FA Cup winners medal at Wembley last May plus a recall to the England squad for the recent match against Turkey, is proof of what a difference a year can make in the life of a footballer.

Little more than 12 months ago a disillusioned and disconsolate Regis was starting to believe those who said that his £300,000 transfer from West Bromwich Albion to the Sky Blues was the biggest mistake of his life.

Regis was signed by Bobby Gould in October 1984 after seven years at the Hawthorns where he scored more than 100 goals in just under 300 matches for West Brom and won four England caps.

But Gould was sacked just after Christmas in that season and things began to go sour for Regis as his spirits sank as low as his form.

He managed just 15 goals in 68 games in his first two

Cyrille Regis

seasons at Highfield Road and it was at that point that many were questioning the wisdom of Regis's decision to join City.

Then everything changed for him again at the start of last season when John Sillett in partnership with managing director George Curtis took charge of team affairs after the departures of manager Don Mackay and coach Frank Upton.

Sillett's beliefs in the way the game should be played matched those of Regis and the player responded in magnificent style. He had one of the best seasons of his career finishing as the Sky Blues top scorer with 16 goals and proved that his injury problems were a thing of the past by playing in 40 First Division matches plus all the FA Cup and Littlewoods Cup ties.

In addition to that Cup winners medal he collected at Wembley, Regis was also named Midlands Player of the Year. Throughout a memorable season for the Sky Blues he looked the complete player, and his magnificent form put him back into the frame for international recognition.

With Mark Hateley injured England manager Bobby Robson had no hesitation in calling up Regis for that European Championship game against Turkey, bringing him on as substitute for the last 20 minutes or so. It completed a remarkable transformation for Regis – but he puts it all down to Sillett and Curtis.

"They turned the whole club round," says 29-year-old Cyrille. "I have not enjoyed my football

as much since those great days at West Brom. Last season was just incredible, and winning the FA Cup a dream. But we are all determined that this is only the start.

"We want to build on what we achieved and I believe we can, which is why I've signed a new four-year contract at City. That's something I certainly would not have considered doing a year or so ago."

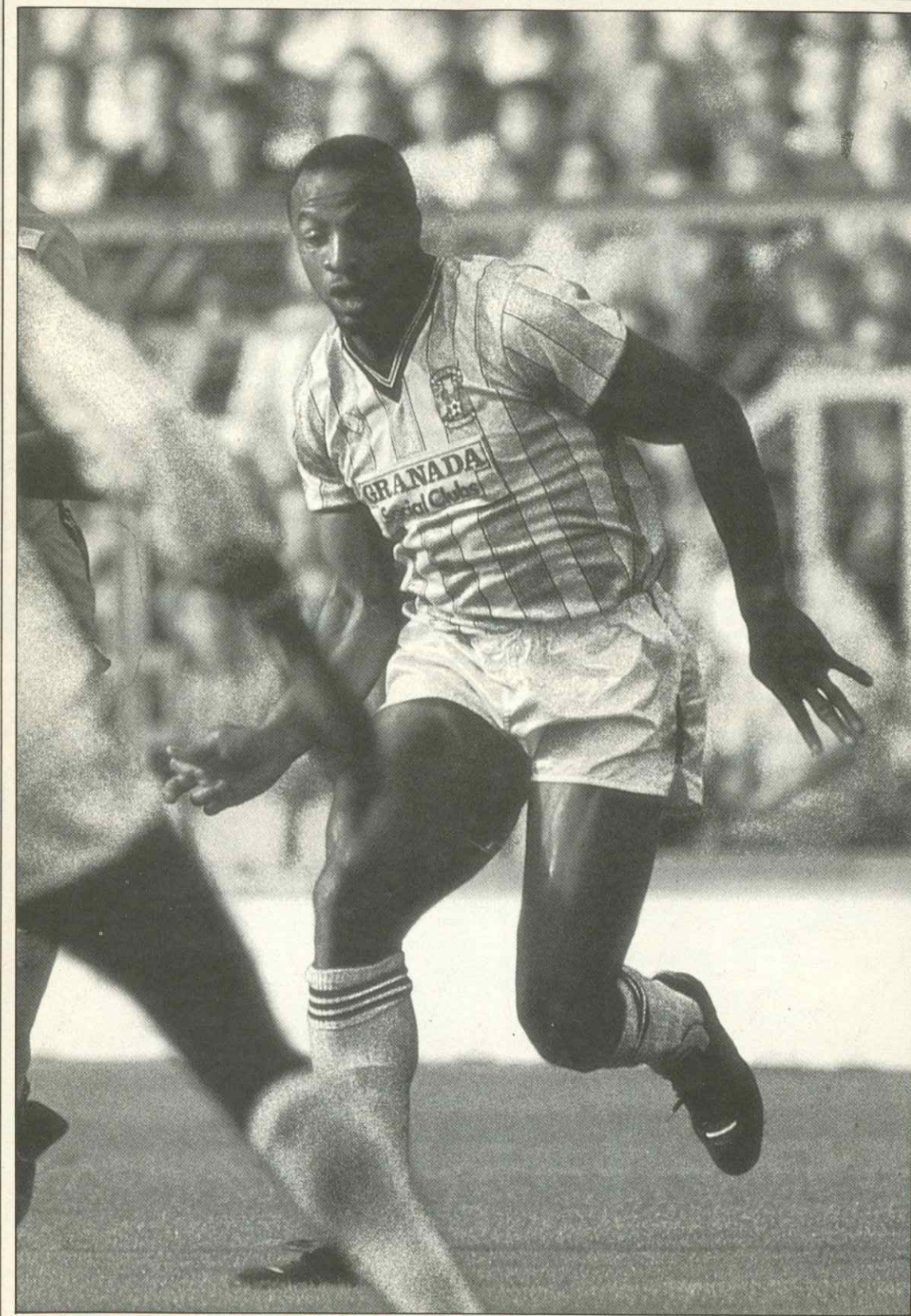
Regis missed the start of the season because of a groin strain but is now fully fit and back to his regal best again.

Whether Wembley hero Keith Houchen or record signing David Speedie partners him up front, you can be sure Regis will be firing on all cylinders.

He insists that he owes at least that to the fans. "They have always been on my side and given me great support even when things were not going well," he says. "It was great to be able to give them something special to celebrate last season and the way they responded was just incredible. I've never seen anything quite like the reception we were given when we returned with the FA Cup. The turn out on that Sunday afternoon was unbelievable.

"We set standards last season which we must try to maintain. We know it is going to be tougher this time because as FA Cup holders, clubs are ready and waiting for us. But we are ready as well.

"Success has a lot to do with confidence and that isn't in short supply these days. We can keep things bubbling. With the players we have things can only get better – I'm convinced of that," says Regis.



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COVENTRY CITY

Winning the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley last May was without doubt the highlight of Coventry's 104-year history, and the men from Highfield Road are not surprisingly eager to once again taste the emotion and drama of a major Cup run.

The Sky Blues, despite their relatively long spell in the top flight, were, until recently, almost perennial strugglers against relegation, but the club's confidence and belief has been transformed under the inspirational leadership and firm direction of Managing Director **George Curtis**, and effervescent Team Manager **John Sillett**.

Coventry's careful rebuilding plan is proving to be a great success, and the extra cash from the Cup run has not only put the club on a sound financial footing, but has enabled them to spend a record £780,000 fee on former Chelsea striker **David Speedie**.

Lanky 30-year-old goalkeeper **Steve Ogrizovic** was a bargain £72,000 buy from Shrewsbury in 1984 who played a vital role in City's Wembley run. He has now developed into one of the most reliable and lively keepers in the League.

Right back **Brian Borrows** was a regular last season, but tragically the 26-year-old, who cost £80,000 from Bolton, missed the Cup Final due to a knee injury a week before Wembley.

Left-back **Greg Downs** has recently lost

his place following injury to **Nick Pickering**, a versatile 24-year-old who cost £120,000 from Sunderland in early 1986.

Coventry's major problem this season however, has been injuries to key central defensive pair **Brian Kilcline** and **Trevor Peake**, both of whom will definitely miss tonight's tie.

Replacing them are 20-year-old Scot **Graham Rodger**, who has progressed well since arriving from Wolves on a free transfer in 1985, and another youngster, **Steve Sedgley**, who is a home-produced 19-year-old, and like Rodger, was named as a Cup Final substitute.

The midfield revolves around the highly-rated **Lloyd McGrath**, a Birmingham born 22-year-old, whose cross was turned into his own net by Gary Mabbutt for City's Wembley winner.

David Phillips is a sharp-shooting Welsh international who arrived from Manchester City 18 months ago, while 26-year-old **Micky Gynn** is a buzzing utility man who cost just £60,000 from Peterborough in 1983.

Up front tricky winger **Dave Bennett**, a 28-year-old who has developed into a match-winner since his £100,000 move from Cardiff in 1983. He scored vital goals last term in the FA Cup semi-final and Final.

Striker **Keith Houchen** is a bargain £60,000 buy, who despite spending a long time in lower divisions, has developed a happy habit of netting crucial Cup goals.



David Speedie

New arrival **David Speedie** is a Scottish international, whose aggressive style earned him many goals at Chelsea. Signed in July for that club record fee, he gives the Sky Blues an even greater cutting edge.

The return to form of powerful and skilful striker **Cyrille Regis** has also been central to Coventry's revival. Signed from neighbours Albion for £250,000 in 1984, the 29-year-old is back to his best, and recently once again won England recognition against Turkey.



Here we go,
 here we go,
 here we go...



Back Row: Trevor Peake, Graham Rodger, Keith Houchen, Brian Kilcline, Kevan Smith, Cyrille Regis, Paul Culpin (now Northampton Town).
 Middle Row: Mick Coop (Youth Coach), Neil Sillett (Ass. Physio), Brian Borrows, Steve Sedgley, Steve Ogrizovic, Jake Findlay, Nick Pickering, Martin Lane, Mick Kearns (Reserve Coach), George Dalton (Physio).
 Front Row: David Phillips, Dave Bennett, Micky Gynn, John Sillett (Team Manager), Greg Downs, Lloyd McGrath, David Speedie.

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QPR	12	5	1	0	11	3	4	0	2	7	7	28				
Arsenal	12	5	0	1	15	3	3	2	1	7	4	26				
Nottingham Forest	12	3	2	1	10	4	5	0	1	12	5	26				
Manchester United	12	4	2	0	10	4	2	3	1	11	8	23				
Everton	13	5	1	1	14	4	1	3	2	7	5	22				
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LEAGUE FORM THIS SEASON

LUTON TOWN		COVENTRY CITY	
Home: Coventry City	0-1	Home: Tottenham H.	2-1
West Ham Utd.	2-2	Liverpool	1-4
Arsenal	1-1	Man. United	0-0
Everton	2-1	Nottm. Forest	0-3
Man. United	1-1	Watford	1-0
Wimbledon	2-0	Southampton	2-3
Liverpool	0-1	Newcastle Utd.	1-3
Away: Derby County	0-1	Away: Luton Town	1-0
Chelsea	0-3	Norwich City	1-3
Oxford Utd.	5-2	Sheff. Wed	1-3
Charlton Ath.	0-1	Everton	2-1
Q.P.R.	0-2	Chelsea	0-1
Portsmouth	1-3		

Up to and including Saturday, 24th October 1987



THE LITTLEWOODS CUP THIRD ROUND DRAW

Leeds v Oldham
 Peterborough v Reading
 Luton v Coventry
 Charlton v Bradford
 Aston Villa v Tottenham
 Stoke v Norwich
 Liverpool v Everton
 Barnsley v Sheffield Wednesday
 Bury v QPR
 Manchester City v Nottingham Forest
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TONIGHT'S REFEREE

The referee tonight is Tony Ward, an Office Manager from North London, who is married with two daughters.

He began refereeing in 1962 and progressed through the South East Counties, Athenian and Isthmian Leagues, becoming a League linesman in 1972 and a referee in 1980.

He has refereed the 1986 FA Trophy Final at Wembley, and was a linesman for a West Germany v Brazil international in 1981. His hobbies include all sports and the theatre.

REPLAY ARRANGEMENTS

If tonight's match ends in a draw, the replay will be at Coventry's Highfield Road ground a week today on TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER (Kick-off 7.30pm).

Normal Ticket Prices will apply.

MEMORY LANE

5 YEARS AGO

20 November 1982 Division One
 Coventry 4 (Dyson, Whitton 2, G. Thompson)
 Luton 2 (Horton, B. Stein).
 City: Sealey; Thomas, Roberts; Jacobs, Dyson, Gillespie; Whitton, Francis (Butterworth), Hatley, G. Thompson, Hunt.
 Town: Findlay, Stephens, Money; Horton, Goodyear, Turner; Hill, B. Stein, Walsh, Antic, Moss.
 att: 9,644.

13 YEAR AGO

8 March 1975 Division One
 Luton 1 (Aston) Coventry 3 (Alderson 2, Green).
 Town: Horn; John Ryan, Buckley; Anderson, Faulkner, P. Futcher; Jimmy Ryan, Alston, R. Futcher, West, Aston.
 City: Ramsbottom; Oakey, Cattlin; Cartwright, Craven, Dugdale (Holmes); Alderson, Carr, Ferguson, Green, Hutchison. att: 14,423.

24 YEARS AGO

25 September 1963 Football League Cup (Round 2)
 Luton 3 (Sailsbury 2, Fincham (pen))
 Coventry 4 (Machin, Rees, Sillett, Hill)
 Town: Baynham; Morton, Bramwell; Pacey, Fincham, Lownds; Fairchild, Sailsbury, McKechnie, Riddick, Weir.
 City: Wesson; Sillett, Kearns; Hill, Curtis, Bruck; Humphries, Hale, Hudson, Machin, Rees. att: 3,821.

FORM GUIDE

Recent form guide: Division One
 1986-87: 1 Jan 1987 Coventry 0 Luton 1 (B. Stein)
 18 Apr 1987 Luton 2 (B. Stein, Newell) Coventry 0
 1985-86: 16 Nov 1985 Luton 0 Coventry 1 (Bowman)
 19 Apr 1986 Coventry 1 (Pickering) Luton 0
 1984-85: 26 Dec 1984 Luton 2 (Daniel, B. Stein) Coventry 0
 23 May 1985 Coventry 1 (Kilcline) Luton 0
 1983-84: 3 Dec 1983 Luton 2 (Pearce (og), Aylott) Coventry 4 (Gibson 2, Gynn, Bennett)
 5 May 1984 Coventry 2 (Platnauer, Gibson) Luton 2 (Antic, B. Stein)
 1982-83: 20 Nov 1982 Coventry 4 (Dyson, Whitton 2, G. Thompson) Luton 2 (Horton, B. Stein)
 1 Jan 1983 Luton 1 (Donaghy) Coventry 2 (Whitton, Melrose).
 Luton Town were first elected to the Football League in 1897 in place of Burton Wanderers but their initial stay only lasted three seasons. At the turn of the century they were voted out again, as Blackpool and Stockport County achieved League status.

By 1919, when football resumed after World War 1, the two Divisions were extended from 20 clubs to 22, and Coventry City were elected to Division Two. The following season, Division Three was formed, with Luton regaining their League status as a founder member.

In 1921 Division Three was split into North and South sections, with the Hatters being placed in the Southern half, where they remained until gaining promotion in 1937 as champions. Coventry meanwhile were relegated to Division 3 (North) in 1925, and switched to Division 3 (South) the following season. They remained in that section until 1936 when they claimed the championship a year ahead of the Kenilworth Road club.

Those first league encounters, in 1926-27 certainly got the series underway with a bang, as both clubs won their home fixture by 4-1.

The following season the goal rush continued, Coventry winning 4-2 at Highfield Road and Luton returning the complement with a 3-1 success at Kenilworth Road.

The Bantams did even better in 1929-30, trouncing the Hatters 5-1 in a pre-Christmas encounter in the Midlands, but the following season Luton gained revenge with the first double of the series.

By 1932-33 the high scoring encounters had returned. A 4-1 home win for Luton brought about a 4-0 reply from Coventry later in the season.

That 4-0 scoreline was reversed at Kenilworth Road in 1934-35, but, the following season, there came the first ever goalless clash between the two clubs, as they finished first and second in the Division.

The rivalry continued in Division Two until 1952 when Coventry slid down into the lower reaches of the league, whilst, three years later, Luton finally achieved promotion to Division One.

During that Second Division period, Coventry achieved a 4-1 win at Kenilworth Road in 1937-38, then repeated the scoreline at Highfield Road ten seasons later and again there in 1950-51.

In their relegation season of 1951-52, the Bantams recorded their final victory of the season at Easter at Highfield Road when Luton were thrashed 5-2.

From that time Coventry sank to Division Four, then rose again reaching Division One in 1967 and have never been relegated since.

Luton also eventually declined to Division Four by the mid-sixties before reviving again.

The two clubs actually clashed in Division Three in 1963-64 when travelling in opposite directions, then did not meet again until 1974-75 when Luton returned to the top flight. That spell only lasted one season, but the Hatters once more rose to Division One in 1982 and rivalry with Coventry has been resumed ever since.

In the Football League Cup, Luton and Coventry clashed back in 1963-64, with the Bantams triumphing in a seven goal thriller, but neither club has achieved any notable success in the competition. Coventry did reach the semi-final in 1980-81, but the best that Luton has managed is a quarter-final place in 1978-79.

Dave Smith (Club Statistician, Leicester City)

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LUTON TOWN **3-1** COVENTRY CITY

LES SEALEY	1	STEVE OGRIZOVIC
TIM BREACKER	2	BRIAN BORROWS
ASHLEY GRIMES	3	NICK PICKERING
RICKY HILL	4	LLOYD McGRATH
STEVE FOSTER	5	GRAHAM RODGER
MAL DONAGHY	6	STEVE SEDGLEY
DANNY WILSON	7	DAVE BENNETT
BRIAN STEIN	8	DAVID PHILLIPS
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