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● **On the attack:** Rob Johnson (top) who scored his first senior goal against Burnley, and Danny Wilson (below).



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RAY'S REVIEW



Welcome to champions Liverpool, always formidable opponents, against whom we have enjoyed some very fine matches in recent seasons. As everyone knows, they experienced a rare home defeat last week. The reaction tells you everything about them as a Liverpool defeat is always regarded as a surprise against any opponents. Two defeats in succession for Liverpool is an even rarer experience – but one we hope they will be digesting by the end of the afternoon.

After our two good recent away results at Everton and Nottingham Forest, we are due a home victory. Like everyone else, I was disappointed we could not record our first home win against Burnley when we played them here in the Littlewoods Cup second round first leg tie. We did all we could but Burnley were in an inspired mood on the night and merited the result which means a finely-balanced match is in prospect at Turf Moor next week.

By contrast, I was delighted with the performances at Everton and Nottingham Forest where we kept two clean sheets and came away undefeated, having collected four points. We might have won even more convincingly at Everton and if we had been able to take all our chances and could possibly have done the same at Nottingham with a bit more luck on the break.

In both games, we defended superbly with all the lads deserving credit for that. I hope we can do the same again today and start finding that vital bit of luck in front of goal at the other end which could turn tight matches our way. Enjoy the match and give the lads your support. Thanky-you.

Ray Harford

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Mailbag

Write to: The Editor, Luton Town F.C.,
Kenilworth Road Stadium, Maple Road, Luton by Tuesday a.m.

The time of my life

Dear Sir,
As a great football fan now, only three years ago, I was an absolute hater of the game. But in these past three years my attitudes towards football have completely changed, and since this is all due to my father making me watch the World Cup matches, I think I owe him an enormous favour!

At first I didn't really support any particular team, so I suppose I began to drift towards Liverpool. Until, that is, one fateful afternoon I sat down to watch a match from where else but Kenilworth Road in the FA Cup 3rd round. I must admit that at the start of the game I was all for Liverpool, but as the match went on my mind soon changed, for the better! There was something about Luton which made me realise that by the end of the match, I had found the team I'd been looking for and have never looked back. I have since driven everyone mad as I carry on enjoying the sport, and loving Luton Town.

Luton Town has now become a great part of my life and I wish it to always be that way. The only sad thing about all this is that I live over 80 miles from Luton and it's very difficult for me to be able to come to Kenilworth Road to see the lads play, which can be very frustrating for any devoted fan.

Some of this frustration was relieved when I finally visited Luton back on April 6th, but not to a match. I was only able to visit the ground for a few minutes, but those minutes were the best moments of my life.

Apart from finally being at the ground I'd only seen on TV, I found the atmosphere really homely and like no other place I had visited before. I also got a surprise I could never have bargained for!

"Preecey" has always been my favourite player at Luton and to actually bump into him on a ten-minute visit to the ground was something I could never have expected, and I'd like to thank David for making my first visit to Luton something really special.

Last Saturday, I came to see Luton play for the first time, v's Manchester United, and although we lost, I thoroughly enjoyed a fine match which we were unlucky to lose. The players were brilliant. Mick Harford showed us just why he deserves his place in the England squad with his pure grit and determination, he richly deserved the Man Of The Match verdict. Hill, Black and Oldfield played some excellent football and the whole Town side's efforts led to a really great match. I'm sure this won't have been my last visit to Kenilworth Road, so if you see me in the crowd, come and say hi.

I guess that leaves me to say Good Luck Lads, congratulations on your first win of the season against Everton and keep up the good football! I hope I'll soon be back at Luton, I know what I'm missing!

Love and best wishes to all at Luton Town FC.

Joanne Goodson

Glebe Farm,
Rattlesden,
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•Favourite: Joanne with David Preece.

Great servant

Dear Sir,

MAL PLEASE STAY was the most eye catching banner at the Manchester United match the other day. The banner was on the Oak Road stand and although I was on the Kenilworth Stand I could see it quite clearly!

We now know that Mal Donaghy will be staying but what a scare to see in some papers that he would be leaving. Mal has been and, I'm sure will be in the future, a great servant to us Hatters both players and fans.

Yours sincerely
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DRESSING ROOM

with John Dreyer

John Dreyer was born in Alnwick in June 1963. He began his career with Wallingford Town and joined Oxford United when they were in the Second Division in 1984-85. After establishing himself as a reliable and consistent defender, he joined the Town for £140,000 during the close season. Today in Dressing Room Talk he explains why he moved to Kenilworth Road and how he is enjoying settling into his new life:



Settling in

"I have been very happy since my move and I am really enjoying playing at Luton. I have really started to settle down in the last few weeks after buying and moving into my own house and feeling much more settled.

"That is important for me because although it is all very nice to stay in a hotel, you do get fed up with living out of a suitcase after a while.

"I did have a house near Oxford, at Bicester, and I have kept that one. So I did have the chance to travel but it is not something I like really. I prefer to live near the club. It makes getting up in the mornings much easier – and that is very important for me! You should see what a struggle it can be!

"I was staying in a hotel during pre-season training and it was just not the same. Now I am able to spend most of my spare time at home doing up the house and so on.

House

"I was very lucky really with the house – in the Barton Hills area of town – because it was one of the very first I looked at on the day I signed for Luton.

"I moved clubs because I am ambitious and Luton are an ambitious club. It was a case of moving to a better club and a better team. There is so much more quality and competition in the squad here. At Oxford, if you were fit there was a 90 per cent chance you would be in the team.

• **John Dreyer:** Settled in

"Here I have to fight off the challenge of three other players for the left-back position...Ashley Grimes, Rob Johnson and Richard Harvey are all trying to take the job. Strangely, at Oxford, I played a lot of my football at centre-half and enjoyed it but I am very happy to have come to Luton to play left-back.

Style of play

"It has not been difficult settling in with the team although of course I have had to get used to the other lads style of play and so on. In fact, I am enjoying it a lot – and the results are looking as if they are starting to turn in our favour a bit at last.

"We have had a very tough start to the season with four matches away and only two at home – and we have had to visit Sheffield Wednesday, Southampton when they were on top, Everton and Forest. They are all difficult games. Today will be a good game too. They always are against Liverpool but I am quietly confident...but not making any predictions."

TALK



by BILL TOMLINS

THE TOWN

FIRST OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS' CLUB LAUNCHED THIS MONTH

Good afternoon and welcome to Liverpool, the defending champions. In my previous notes for the last programme, I mentioned the return of visiting supporters with Burnley's visit and noticed on the night the tremendous vocal support they gave their team.

Their enthusiasm was a great bonus for the Burnley team and I hope our own travelling fans will be able to give our team similar backing for the trip to Turf Moor next week. It can be a vital factor in cup-tie football when other factors, like Steve Foster's magnificent courage and commitment, come into play.

Launch

Next week, the first official committee meeting of the newly-formed Luton Town Supporters' Club will be held - a piece of news I am especially pleased to bring you in my column today. For years, the club has been assisted by such clubs as the Bobbers but been without an official supporters' club of its own.

As the club has become more progressive, so it has been increasingly difficult to avoid it becoming more remote from the fans. I believe this, the first official Luton Town Supporters' Club, will help bridge that gap.

Its objectives are stronger communications, to help boost attendances, to create satellite branches outside the town and to improve the

facilities and travel arrangements available to fans. A committee - Mrs Pam Gray is chairperson, Mrs Jackie Thompson as secretary and Mr Mark Chapman as treasurer - has already been formed and an opening meeting is planned.

I can also confirm that our home league fixture against Arsenal, originally scheduled for October 15th, has now been officially postponed by the Football League and rearranged for the 25th, kick-off 7.45pm. The league informed us that we had a player selected for England's squad to meet Sweden in the World Cup qualifier the following week.

Carols

That senior rearrangement has been accompanied by others. Luton Borough Council has hired our stadium for a Carol Aid concert on December 10 and, as a result, our reserve match that day against Tottenham has been postponed (no new date fixed yet) and our South East Counties league fixture on the same day will be played at the Talbot Sports Ground.

Finally, congratulations to our brilliant Olympic hockey team who played here so often before leaving for Seoul. Their triumph was a great day for us all and we sent off a telegram wishing them all the best before the match and requesting they get the gold. It was a great result.

CAPTAIN COURAGE



• Bloodied but unbowed: Steve Foster leaves the pitch after the clash with Burnley.

ARRON FIRST OUT ON WEMBLEY TRAIL

• Ready for kick-off: Mascot Arron Gregory lines up with our captain Steve Foster, Burnley's Peter Daniel and the match officials before our Littlewoods Cup second round first leg tie last week.



• Top Hatter: John Dreyer presents two of our ball sponsors' Williams & Richardsons' guests with an autographed match ball after the Burnley match.



• Special souvenir: Our chairman David Evans MP presents Anglia Television's Tim Wootton with an autographed team picture to mark their sponsorship.



• Forecast winner: Anglia TV's Tim Wootton presents match forecast winner Mr Toya with his prize - an autographed ball.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY



STEVE FOSTER
My headache

Hello everyone. As you might expect, I had a bit of a headache after our last home match against Burnley when I ended up going to hospital and having 11 stitches. It was a bit messy and did not do my shirts any good, but I was feeling much better a few days later and very pleased to be back in action against Nottingham Forest at the City Ground.

Our result there and our second clean sheet in successive First Division away matches was a good one. We might have done a bit better with more luck. Now, of course, we are hoping to go on from that platform and pick up our first home win.

Big test

There is no better team to have as visitors when you are in the mood, than Liverpool. They are always a test of everything - strength, technique and spirit. But we have a pretty good record against them in recent years and will be looking for a good result today.

All the new lads are settling in well now and the team is playing some good football. It is just a matter of time I am sure before everything really comes together. Give the lads your support. Enjoy the match.

DELIGHT AT GOODISON

Everton 0 Luton Town 2

Second half goals from David Oldfield, his first of the season, and Kingsley Black brought the Town a well-deserved 2-0 win at Goodison Park against Everton on September 14. In a flowing and well-disciplined performance, all the Town players hit form together to produce arguably the teams best display since the Littlewoods Cup final victory against Arsenal last April.

Had it not been for a superb display of goalkeeping by Welsh international Neville Southall, Everton might have been beaten even more heavily. The big Welshman made a string of fine saves before he was eventually beaten by Oldfield in the 74th minute.

The goal came when Kingsley Black pounced on to a loose ball, evaded both Dave Watson and Neil McDonald and struck a shot which Southall did well to parry. Oldfield, on the edge of the penalty area, drove home the rebound.

Seven minutes from time, Black supplied the second when he took a pass from Oldfield ran on, drew Southall and scored from a narrow angle - making the job look easy. It was the Town's first away league success since winning at Watford last December.

Teams: Luton Town - Sealey, R. Johnson, Dreyer, Williams, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson, Oldfield, (Allinson 89), Harford, Hill (Breacker 86), Black. Everton - Southall, McDonald (Clarke 81), Wilson, Snodin, Watson, Reid, Heath, McCall, Sharp, Cottee, Sheedy.

Referee: Michael Peck (Kendall)

1st Team ACTION



• Victory at Goodison: Mick Harford, Rob Johnson, David Oldfield and Steve Williams are pictured in action at Everton where David Oldfield and Kingsley Black scored the vital goals in our excellent 2-0 victory. Pictures by Josh Levy of Apex Photography, Milton Keynes.

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John Martin (Alton, Hants)

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South East Counties League

Saturday, October 22, 1988
Luton Town v Colchester United
Kick-off 11 a.m.

PLAYER PROFILE

MAL DONAGHY

After making more than 475 appearances for the Town since his £20,000 arrival from Larne, Northern Ireland, in 1978, our most-capped player Mal Donaghy is currently enjoying his testimonial season at Kenilworth Road. And it is a special honour the Northern Ireland defender fully deserves for more than 10 years' loyal and consistent service.

Mal is a veteran of two World Cup finals series with Northern Ireland – in Spain in 1982 and in Mexico in 1986 – and has been an ever-present in the Town team in six of the last 10 seasons – a phenomenal record. Strong both on the ground and in the air, Mal combines a superb range of defensive skills with a calm temperament and is rarely in any form of trouble on the pitch.

"It has been great to have such a long and successful career with Luton," said Mal when asked about his feelings as he approached the 10-year landmark. "The highlight was obviously the Littlewoods Cup win at Wembley. That was a fantastic achievement. I'm hoping now that we can build on that and get even more success."



●Mal Donaghy: Skilful and dependable.



MAL DONAGHY

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BY DANNY WILSON

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Today I can let you know more about the game at Watford on Saturday 15th October. In our effort to promote friendliness with junior supporters, I have arranged for two teams to take part in friendly games with Watford and Brighton. The age groups are under-14 and under-11.

Each team will play each other once so there will be plenty of football played. If you would like to play for the Junior Hatters, please contact Bev Tyler in the Souvenir Shop.

In the afternoon, we will travel to Vicarage Road to watch Watford play Brighton. The coach will leave Oak Road car park at 9.15am. Book early to save any disappointment.

Today's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is H0188090201. The winning member should contact Bev Tyler in the Souvenir Shop at Oak Road with his or her membership card, for two free tickets to one of our home matches.

It was nice to win at Everton and take a point at Forest! The team is playing a lot better football now the new boys are settling in to our pattern of attacking play.

Today we welcome Liverpool. Liverpool are one of the teams that all our Junior Hatters will know and we are sure of a tough game.

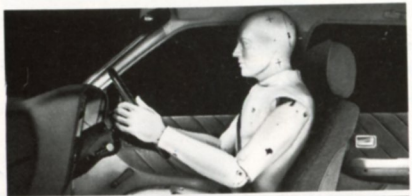
Have a good day and let the lads hear you cheering them on. I will see you all at our next home game which is a rearranged match with Arsenal on Tuesday 25th October.



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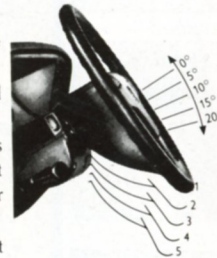
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Vauxhall Bedford are of course our official club sponsors as well as staunch supporters of the club and their support of Luton Town has extended this afternoon to also sponsoring the match ball.

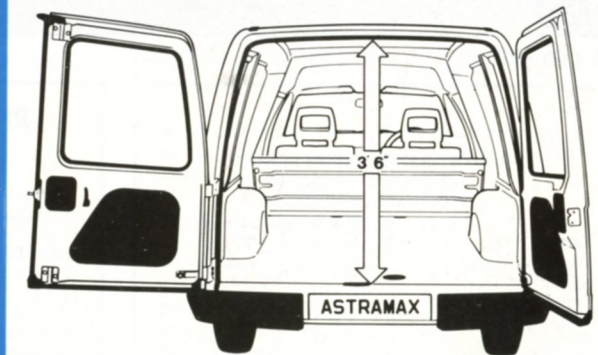
On behalf of the club, I hope they all enjoy a full satisfying afternoon with a great result to celebrate afterwards!

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●On the ball: Ian Scott scored against the Canaries.



●Back in action: Darron McDonough proved his form and fitness during the reserves 2-1 win over Norwich.

COACHES' CORNER



RESERVES AND YOUNGSTERS IN GOOD FORM

Printer's deadlines will prevent this column from reporting for you today the result of our Southern Junior Floodlit Cup tie against Watford at Vicarage Road on Wednesday night, but it can safely be said that whatever the result, the youngsters have made a superb start to the season.

After the six opening games in the South East Counties league, the youth team had dropped only one point and were playing a brand of football which was obviously pleasing on the eye for our regular supporters.

One of the most impressive recent victories came against Southampton at Kenilworth Road on September 23 when the youngsters won 3-0 with goals from Salton, Hughes and Brown. In the second half, Luton's passing play helped create a handful of chances and the score could have been doubled by the final whistle.

Unlucky at Highbury

The reserves have also been in very good form and were unlucky not to record a victory at Highbury against Arsenal on October 1. They followed up their disappointment there - they were beaten 3-2 in the end - by beating Norwich City 2-0 on Tuesday this week, with Ian Scott and Roy Wegerle scoring the goals. The win improved the reserves record to played seven, won three, drawn two and lost two.

Jim Ryan said: "We have had different emotions recently. There was pleasure in our 7-1 win against Oxford but that was offset by the disappointment of our 3-2 loss at Highbury. Sean Farrell scored in both games, but there was more in common between them than that.

"We maintained good quality in our passing and general team play. The Oxford scoreline speaks for itself. But in the Arsenal game we were cruelly robbed of at least a share of the points by a last-minute goal."

OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1988/89

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	6	5	1	0	18	6	11
Tottenham Hotspur	5	5	0	0	8	2	10
Norwich City	6	3	1	2	17	11	7
Luton Town	5	2	2	1	15	9	6
Chelsea	4	3	0	1	8	3	6
Fulham	5	3	0	2	8	6	6
Watford	6	2	2	2	10	9	6
West Ham United	7	2	2	3	10	12	6
Brighton & Hove Albion	4	2	1	1	9	6	5
Swindon Town	4	2	1	1	6	8	5
Portsmouth	4	2	0	2	8	7	4
Millwall	4	2	0	2	6	5	4
Southampton	4	2	0	2	5	5	4
Crystal Palace	4	2	0	2	8	9	4
Ipswich Town	5	1	2	2	8	13	4
Oxford United	6	2	0	4	11	20	4
Wimbledon	4	1	1	2	7	9	3
Reading	6	1	0	5	7	16	2
Charlton Athletic	5	0	1	4	7	11	1
Queens Park Rangers	4	0	0	4	1	10	0

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 1988/89

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton Town	6	5	1	-	23	7	11
Swindon Town	5	4	1	-	13	8	9
Wimbledon	5	3	1	1	17	8	7
Colchester United	6	3	1	2	12	9	7
Oxford United	5	3	1	1	9	6	7
Crystal Palace	6	3	1	2	10	8	7
Southampton	5	2	2	1	11	7	6
Bristol City	6	2	2	2	6	5	6
A.F.C. Bournemouth	6	3	-	3	9	9	6
Brentford	5	2	1	2	9	8	5
Brighton & Hove Albion	6	2	1	3	9	9	5
Northampton Town	5	1	1	3	9	16	3
Reading	6	1	-	5	11	21	2
Tottenham Hotspur	6	1	-	5	5	20	2
Bristol Rovers	6	-	1	5	4	16	1

OVENDEN PAPERS FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1988/89

Date	Opponents	Result	Date	Opponents	Result
1988			1988		
Aug 27	Southampton	3-2	Jan 4	Brighton	
Sept 6	Norwich City	2-3	Jan 7	Crystal Palace	
Sept 10	Swindon T	1-1	Jan 14	Reading	
Sept 17	Watford	2-2	Jan 17	Chelsea	
Sept 24	Oxford United	7-1	Jan 28	Southampton	
Oct 1	Arsenal	2-3	Feb 7	Millwall	
Oct 4	Norwich	2-1	Feb 14	Swindon T	
Oct 11	Brighton		Feb 25	West Ham	
Oct 18	Charlton A		Mar 4	Arsenal	
Oct 22	Wimbledon		Mar 15	Crystal Palace	
Oct 25	Watford		Mar 21	Charlton A	
Oct 29	Reading		Mar 25	West Ham	
Nov 1	Fulham		Apr 1	Fulham	
Nov 5	Ipswich Town		Apr 11	Ipswich T	
Nov 8	QPR		Apr 22	Portsmouth	
Nov 12	Chelsea		May 13	Tottenham	
Nov 15	Portsmouth				
Nov 22	Millwall				
Nov 30	Oxford United				
Dec 20	Wimbledon				

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• Action from the City Ground: Ricky Hill and David Oldfield are pictured in action during our 0-0 draw at Nottingham Forest last Saturday.



LUTON TOWN

Goal'den Oldies

CLASHES WITH THE REDS ARE ALWAYS FULL OF THRILLS

Despite the long history of both clubs, it is surprising to note that our first League meeting was as recent as 1954-55, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

With Liverpool being relegated from Division One the previous season the first clash took place on 13th November 1954 at Kenilworth Road watched by a crowd of 15,887. The Town, to be promoted at the end of the season, were virtually unbeatable at home at the time and it was no surprise when a 3-2 victory was recorded with Bob Morton scoring two of the goals.

"a late equaliser kep the Anfield crowd happy"

Liverpool did provide some scares however when John Evans and Billy Liddell scored within three minutes of each other midway through the second half and it was Evans again who bagged two early goals as the Reds took a 3-1 lead in the return fixture the following April.

The Town fought back to lead 4-3 with Bob Morton and Gordon Turner taking their tallies to two each but with goalkeeper Bernard Streten immobilised on the goal line through injury Liverpool scored a late equaliser to send the Anfield crowd of 30,710 home happy.

The Town rejoined Liverpool in Division Two in 1960 with the boot on the other foot as the 'Reds' were, by now, a powerful outfit and strong favourites to beat a Luton side about to plummet down to the Fourth.

Surprisingly Liverpool were unable to beat the Town in the four meeting prior to their eventual promotion with a 1-0 home win in 1961-62 standing out due to an unorthodox save by Luton goalkeeper Jim Standen who stopped a penalty with his ankles after diving the wrong way.

The teams met again briefly in 1974-75 during the Towns flying visit to Division One but it was not until 1982 that regular League features became the order of the day.

A date that will stand out in the memories of those Town supporters lucky enough to be there was 11th September 1982 when Luton went to Anfield and came back, slightly disappointed with a point after a 3-3 draw.

Brian Stein gave Luton an early lead following good work from Paul Walsh who turned Mark Lawrenson inside out but Graeme Souness equalised midway through the final half with a 20 yard piledriver.

Luton goalkeeper Jake Findlay was then injured to be replaced by full-back Kirk Stephens and he conceded an Ian Rush goal just before half-time. The Town came out to the second period with yet another goalkeeper - Mal Donaghy - who watched as David Moss and Stein again put Luton into the lead only for Craig Johnston to snatch an equaliser in the closing minute.

It took another four years before Luton supporters were given something else to shout about following clashes between the two sides but the first win in Division One meetings although a long time in coming was emphatic.

Scorer Mike Newell with two and Ricky Hill gave the Town an incredible 3-0 interval lead and the crowd were in ecstasy when Newell completed his hat-trick early in the second half. Jan Molby reduced the deficit with a penalty shortly before the end but a repeat of the 4-1 final scoreline would be more than welcome today.

Our previous encounters with Liverpool

	Home	Away
1954/55	3-2	4-4
1960/61	2-1	2-2
1961/62	1-0	1-1
1974/75	1-2	0-2
1982/83	1-3	3-3
1983/84	0-0	0-6
1984/85	1-2	0-1
1985/86	0-1	2-3
1986/87	4-1	0-2
1987/88	0-1	1-1

Summary

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	10	4	1	5	13	13
Away	10	0	5	5	13	25
	20	4	6	10	26	38



● **Ready to pounce:** Gordon Turner (left) who scored at Anfield in our 4-4 draw in 1954-55.

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INTRODUCING...

LIVERPOOL

It is a measure of the remarkable consistency of Liverpool that their home defeat by Newcastle recently made such headlines. In fact, it was the first time a visiting team had won at Anfield for eighteen months, writes *Geoff Allman*.

Founded in 1878 as St. Domingo's, it was Everton who played at Anfield Road from 1884 to 1892. But, then, after a quibble over the rental, they moved to Goodison Park and a new team called 'Liverpool' was founded. In their first season, they won the Liverpool District Cup and topped the Lancashire League. Both trophies were stolen and Liverpool had to replace them but it was some consolation to them that they were elected to the Football League Second Division in 1893 in place of Bootle, who were at the time their more famous neighbours.

In a remarkable first season in the Football League they topped the Second Division without losing a game and won the end of season Test Match (an early forerunner of the playoffs) against Newton Heath and so started 1894-95 in Division One.

They had several ups and downs before the First World War, but managed to top Division One in 1901 and 1906 besides reaching the FA Cup final of 1914. They then had unbroken membership of Division One between the wars and won the First Division Championship in both 1922 and 1923.

"Stubbins and Balmer were the stars"

They soon got into their stride again after the Second World War topping Division One in the prolonged 1946-47 season at a time when Albert Stubbins and skipper Jack Balmer were their star strikers. They were beaten by Arsenal in the 1950 FA Cup final and then slipped back to Division Two for eight seasons from 1954 to 1962.

When they returned to Division One in 1962 it was under the direction of Bill Shankly and the remarkable contemporary history of Liverpool



Back Row (left to right): Mark Lawrenson, Mike Hooper, Jan Molby, Gary Gillespie, Bruce Grobbelaar, Kevin MacDonald.
Middle Row: Ronnie Moran (Coach), John Wark, Nigel Spackman, Alan Irvine, Gary Ablett, John Aldridge, Barry Venison, Roy Evans (Trainer). Front Row: John Barnes, Steve Nicol, Ronnie Whelan, Kenny Dalglish (Player/Manager), Craig Johnston, Paul Walsh, Steve McMahon, Peter Beardsley.

really began.

Two seasons later they won the First Division Championship and this was the first of 12 championships in 24 seasons, taking their full tally to 17. It took them until 1965 to win the FA Cup for the first time, Ian St. John getting the winner against Leeds in the final and they have won it again since then in both 1974 and 1986.

They turned their attention to the League/Milk/Littlewoods Cup in the early eighties winning in four successive seasons but the climax of their achievements has been the European Cup of 1977, 1978, 1981 and 1984. Just as remarkable is the fact that though Bill Shankly was succeeded by Bob Paisley, Joe Fagan and Kenny Dalglish, honours have continued to flow unabated.

Last season, from the time they moved into top place in October, they were off the top of the table for only three days. Their only defeats all season were at Everton and Nottingham Forest in the Football League, against Everton in the Littlewoods Cup and against Wimbledon in the FA Cup final to rob them of what would have been their second League and FA Cup double in three seasons.

"current injury problems"

So far this season, they have won at Charlton and Southampton, drawn at Aston Villa and lost at Arsenal while at home they have beaten Aston Villa and drawn with Spurs. They also took a single goal lead against Walsall in the first leg of the Littlewoods Cup tie. Both against Walsall and in the 2-1 defeat by Newcastle their goal was scored by former Coventry defender **Gary Gillespie**, who links up with ex-Sunderland man **Barry Venison**, versatile **Steve Nicol**, a one-time Ayr man, and signing from Leicester **Kevin McDonald**.

In goal former Wrexham man **Mike Hooper** is currently doing well as stand-in for **Bruce Grobbelaar** while in midfield **Jan Molby**, the one-time Ajax man, **Ray Houghton** who came from Oxford last season just before **Peter Beardsley's** move from Newcastle, and long-serving **Ronnie Whelan** keeps the wheels turning.

Amazingly, **Ian Rush**, on his return from Juventus, has yet to find the net, but **John Aldridge** (ex-Newport and Oxford) is current leading scorer and up-and-coming **Gary Ablett** and **Steve Staunton** are making the most of their first team chances as **Alan Hansen**, **Steve McMahon** and **John Barnes** are injured.

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1988-89 SEASON

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Aug 27	Sheffield Wednesday	0-1	-	-	Sealey
Sept 3	Wimbledon	2-2	8067	12	Sealey
Sept 10	Southampton	1-2	13,214	16	Sealey
Sept 17	Manchester United	0-2	11,010	18	Sealey
Sept 24	Everton	2-0	26,170	15	Sealey
Sept 27	Burnley (LC)	1-1	6,282	15	Sealey
Oct 1	Nottingham Forest	0-0	15,340	17	Sealey
Oct 8	Liverpool				
Oct 11	Burnley (LC)				
Oct 22	Middlesbrough				
Oct 25	Arsenal				
Oct 29	Queens Park Rangers				
Nov 5	Millwall				
Nov 12	Coventry City				
Nov 19	West Ham United				
Nov 26	Norwich City				
Dec 3	Newcastle United				
Dec 10	Derby County				
Dec 17	Aston Villa				
Dec 26	Tottenham Hotspur (11 am)				
Dec 31	Wimbledon				
Jan 2	Southampton				
Jan 2	West Ham United				
Jan 7	FA Cup 3rd Round				
Jan 14	Charlton Athletic				
Jan 21	Everton				
Jan 28	FA Cup 4th Round				
Feb 4	Nottingham Forest				
Feb 11	Liverpool				
Feb 18	Middlesbrough (FAC 5)				
Feb 25	Arsenal				
Mar 4	Queens Park Rangers				
Mar 11	Millwall				
Mar 18	Sheffield Wednesday (FAC6)				
Mar 25	Manchester United				
Mar 27	Tottenham Hotspur				
Apr 1	Aston Villa				
Apr 8	Charlton Athletic				
Apr 15	Coventry City (FACa/f)				
Apr 22	Newcastle United				
Apr 29	Derby County				
May 6	West Ham United				
May 13	Norwich City				
May 14	FA Cup Final				

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R. Johnson	Grimes	Williams	Foster ¹	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Oldfield	Harford	(Preece)	Black	TB/[RW]
R. Johnson	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	M. Johnson	D. Wilson	(Oldfield)	Harford	Hill	Black	[RW]/TB
R. Johnson	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Oldfield ¹	Harford	Hill	Black ¹	TB/IA
(R. Johnson ¹)	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Oldfield	Harford	Hill	Black	[TB]/IA
R. Johnson	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	Wilson	Oldfield	(Harford)	Hill	Black	[IA]/TB

BARCLAYS FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 1988-89

HOME					AWAY							
P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A	APts.			
6	3	0	0	6	3	Millwall	1	2	0	7	4	14
6	2	1	1	6	6	Norwich City	2	0	0	5	2	13
6	1	1	1	3	3	Liverpool	2	1	0	7	2	11
6	2	1	1	7	4	Southampton	1	1	0	3	2	11
6	2	1	0	3	0	Manchester United	1	1	1	4	3	11
6	0	1	1	4	5	Arsenal	3	0	1	13	6	10
6	3	0	1	5	3	Sheffield Wednesday	0	1	1	1	3	10
5	1	0	2	6	5	Coventry City	2	0	0	3	1	9
6	2	0	1	3	1	Derby County	0	2	1	1	2	8
6	1	1	1	5	3	Everton	1	0	2	3	4	7
6	0	3	0	4	4	Aston Villa	1	1	1	5	5	7
6	1	0	1	2	1	Queens Park Rangers	1	1	2	3	4	7
6	0	1	2	2	8	Charlton Athletic	2	0	1	6	5	7
5	1	1	1	7	7	Tottenham Hotspur	0	2	0	3	3	6
6	1	0	1	3	3	Middlesbrough	1	0	3	6	8	6
6	0	3	0	2	2	Nottingham Forest	0	2	1	3	4	5
6	0	1	1	2	4	LUTON TOWN	1	1	2	3	3	5
6	0	1	1	2	4	Newcastle United	1	1	2	4	9	5
6	1	0	3	3	8	Wimbledon	0	1	1	2	3	4
6	0	1	2	4	9	West Ham United	1	1	2	1	6	4

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS (1988/89)

	League		Littlewoods Cup	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Ian Allinson	(2)	-	-	-
Kingsley Black	6	1	1	-
Tim Breacker	1	-	(1)	-
Gary Cobb	-	-	-	-
Mal Donaghy	5	-	1	-
John Dreyer	4	-	1	-
Steve Foster	6	1	1	-
Ashley Grimes	2	-	-	-
Mick Harford	6	-	1	-
Richard Harvey	-	-	-	-
Ricky Hill	3	-	1	-
Julian James	-	-	-	-
Marvin Johnson	1	-	-	-
Rob Johnson	5	-	1	1
Darron McDonough	-	-	-	-
David Oldfield	6	-	1	-
David Preece	2	-	-	-
Les Sealey	6	-	1	-
Roy Wegerle	1(2)	-	-	-
Steve Williams	6	-	1	-
Danny Wilson	6	-	1	-

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 - 7 Danny Wilson
 - 8 David Oldfield
 - 9 Mick Harford |
 - 10 Ricky Hill
 - 11 Kingsley Black
- Subs

Liverpool ○


- 1 Mike Hooper
 - 2 Gary Gillespie
 - 3 Gary Ablett
 - 4 Steve Nicol
 - 5 Ronnie Whelan
 - 6 Nigel Spackman
 - 7 Peter Beardsley
 - 8 John Aldridge
 - 9 Ray Houghton
 - 10 Jan Molby
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