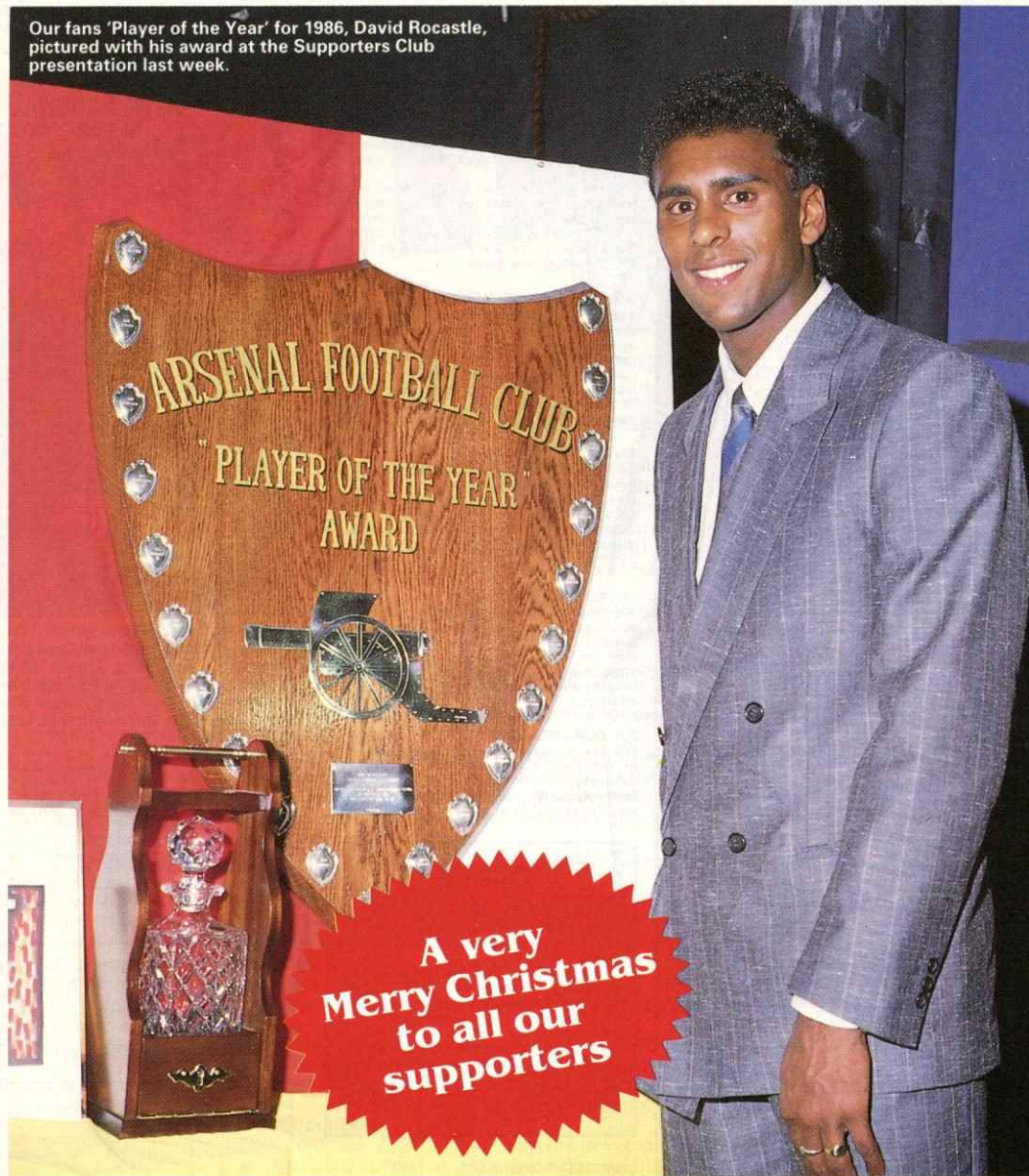


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Our fans 'Player of the Year' for 1986, David Rocastle, pictured with his award at the Supporters Club presentation last week.



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CENTENARY CELEBRATION

We're planning a special celebration to mark the Arsenal centenary year, at next Saturday's match against Southampton.

A hundred youngsters, symbolising 100 years of Arsenal, will parade around the track before the match, forming a guard of honour for the two teams. After that, the youngsters will kick commemorative footballs into the crowd.

We have also asked Arsenal stars of the past to be our guests for the day, and we'll introduce them to the crowd at half-time.

And we'll be welcoming one of Britain's most popular TV stars to the Family Enclosure before the game!

HOLIDAY KICK-OFF TIMES

The kick-off times for our holiday home games are 3 p.m. for next Saturday's match against Southampton and 3 p.m. for the game against Wimbledon on New Year's Day. Our away match at Leicester on Boxing Day will kick-off at 11.30 a.m. Our game at Tottenham on Sunday, January 4, will kick-off at 3.05 p.m.

ENTRY AT LEICESTER

Leicester have asked us to make it clear that Arsenal supporters going to the match on Boxing Day should enter the Leicester ground via the turnstiles marked 'Visiting Supporters' in Burnmoor Street, where visitors seating and standing turnstiles are located.

TOTTENHAM TICKETS

We have a limited number of seat tickets available for our match at Tottenham on Sunday, January 4. These will go on sale from the Clock End turnstiles in Avenell Road after today's game. For more information please listen out for PA announcements this afternoon.

F.A. CUP v READING

We have been drawn away against Reading in the third round of the F.A. Cup, on Saturday, January 10. For information about how you can get tickets for this match, please see Message Corner on page 7.

NATIONAL CHILDRENS HOME COLLECTION

The National Childrens Home would like to thank the 'Today' newspaper which has arranged for the collection for the National Childrens Home before today's match.

The National Childrens Homes are currently caring for over 9,000 children, young people and their families — and we thank the fans for their generosity.

Volunteers are always needed, for as little as four hours a year in some cases.

If you can help, please phone Dave Evans on 886 4685, or David Noble on 444 4363, who will be pleased to give you further details.

CHRISTMAS OPENING

Opening hours at Arsenal Football Club during Christmas week will be: Monday, December 22 — 9.30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesday, December 23 — 9.30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesday, December 24 — 9.30 a.m.-12 noon; Christmas Day — closed; Boxing Day — closed; Saturday, December 27 — 9.30 a.m.-5 p.m. The stadium will be open for normal office hours (9.30 a.m.-5 p.m.) again, from Monday, December 29 onwards.

MAKE MONEY

WITH ARSENAL — METRO DRAW

Don't forget the 'Make Money with Arsenal' girls all round the ground today. There are thousands of prizes in every lottery, tickets cost just 25p — and you could win a brand new Metro car.



Drawing the Metro winner... Perry Groves (watched by Gus Caesar and assistant secretary David Miles) makes the lucky dip to find the latest winner — Tyrone Henry from Stepney who's now the owner of a brand new Metro.

MAKE MONEY STAFF NEEDED

We have a vacancy for a part-time representative/collector with Make Money with Arsenal lotteries in the South London Area. Your own transport is essential. Attractive benefits and bonus package, plus all expenses paid. For more details ring Su Lewis on 01-226 8523.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO DANIELLE

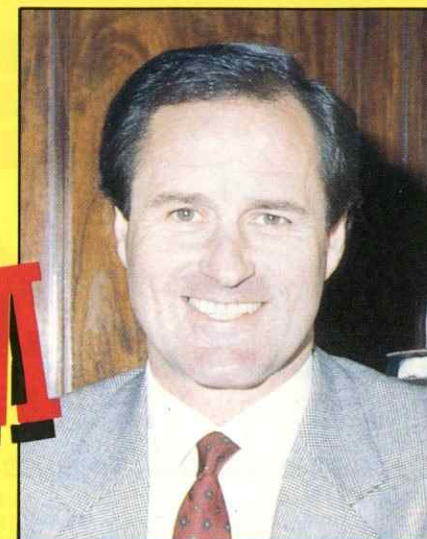
Hallo to four-year-old Danielle Gardner from Darlington who is here today with her father, mother and sister — all regular long-distance Gunners fans. Danielle's dad, Peter says, "She has already watched more than 90 Arsenal matches!"

HOME GAME ON T.V.

Our Today League game against Coventry City has been switched from Saturday, January 17, to Sunday, January 18 (Kick-off 2.35 p.m.). This is because the game will be shown live on T.V.

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GEORGE GRAHAM



We didn't give one of our better performances at Norwich last Saturday — but we still stretched our unbeaten run and our lead at the top.

It's the hallmark of success in any sport when you can get results without being at your peak. All teams have spells when they're not playing to their capabilities. We haven't played at our best against QPR or Norwich, but we've still taken four points from those games.

Norwich is a ground where we never seem to do well. We haven't won there in our last seven visits, so you could say a draw at Carrow Road was a good result! Norwich have a strong home record, and I think some teams may be lured into a false sense of security, going to a friendly club outside the big cities.

Knowing our defensive strength I thought we might have been on for three points after Martin Hayes put away that penalty kick to make it 1-0. But Norwich deserved the draw Kevin Drinkell earned them with that late equaliser.

Even so, I prefer to look at the positive side and say that our opponents still had to play very well to get a point even though we weren't at our best.

Thank you to all the fans who went to Norwich. It was heartening to see such a great turn-out again, especially so close to Christmas.

I'm expecting another tight, competitive match today. Luton have started to emerge as title contenders, and they have one of the best defensive records in the First Division.

A lot of people thought Luton might crumble after David Pleat left. But they've got plenty of determined experienced pros there who've helped them through — players like Peter Nicholas in midfield and Steve Foster in defence, for instance.

I know both of them from my days at Crystal Palace and Portsmouth and any team with them in it is always hard to beat.

Now we're top of the League, we're going to have to cope with teams coming to Highbury and stringing six or seven men across the back — then leaving delighted if they grab a point.

In our last three home games — against Charlton, Manchester City and QPR — we've scored an early goal which has forced the opposition to come out. We won't always score that early goal and some times we'll need patience from the players, and the fans, to break teams down.

All top teams have to contend with that problem. Really it's a backhanded compliment to your success.

I'm pleased that all our injured players are fit once more. Charlie Nicholas and Graham Rix have already played a good few matches and Stewart Robson has started training again.

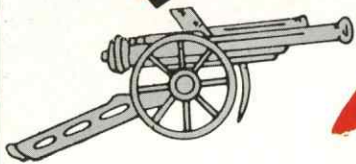
But that doesn't mean they'll automatically go straight back into the side! One of the things that's pleased me most this season is that we've created a situation in which all the players know they have no right to a regular place.

That's been one of many plusses. Another has been the development of our young players. I was glad that our young team did so well in last week's 'Soccer Six' tournament, against much more experienced opposition. But I wasn't surprised, because I know how many potentially outstanding youngsters we have here.

I've been surprised and delighted at what we've achieved in the first half of the season. If someone had said to me in August, we'd be top of the League at Christmas, I'd have said he was joking! But here we are. Now I want us to build on that base. More of that in my next programme notes.

In the meantime, thank you all for your support — and a very Merry Christmas to you all!

RESERVES & YOUTHS



by KEVIN CONNOLLY

FLOWING FOOTBALL FINISHES SAINTS

Our reserves broke down a determined Southampton defence to run out 3-1 winners, in last Saturday's Football Combination game.

"I was delighted with our performance. Southampton defended stubbornly but we broke them down with good football," said reserve boss Terry Burton. "Our young players responded very quickly to the first teamers in the side."

Terry reckoned Graham Rix played his most effective game yet since his return to action. "The Soccer Six competition last week obviously gave him a big hand fitness-wise," he commented.

Full backs Michael Thomas and Paul Smith shone too.

Converted right winger Smith gave his most impressive display in his new role. "He's quick, tenacious and a good tackler, so we've decided to have a look at him at full back. It could be that he's better coming on to the ball than receiving it with his back to goal," commented Burton.

Greg Allen finished off a flowing move to give the Gunners a 1-0 half time lead, and only the width of the crossbar stopped Charlie Nicholas adding a second.

Adrian Pennington headed number two from a free kick, and Thomas stroked in the third, from the penalty spot, after Ian Allinson had been upended.

In between, Southampton converted a penalty.

Arsenal: Wilmot, Smith, Thomas, Milton, Pennington, Caton, Reid, Allen, Allinson, Nicholas, Rix.

GUS SINKS SPURS

Gus Caesar scored the goal that earned the reserves a 1-0 win over Spurs at White Hart Lane on December 6.

Caesar — deprived of his seat on the first team subs bench by Charlie Nicholas's return to fitness — grabbed the winner with just 15 minutes left of a close-fought game.

Said Terry Burton: "It wasn't a great game — it was a typical local derby in which we played with a lot of pride and passion."

"It's always nice to beat Spurs, particularly at White Hart Lane!"

Arsenal: Wilmot, Smith, Thomas, Milton, Caesar, Caton, Reid, Osborne, Merson, Allen, Rix.

RESULT

South East Counties League

December 6

v GILLINGHAM (a) 0-0

Arsenal: Miller, Francis, McGregor, Hillier, Pennington, Scully, Connolly, Rivero, Campbell, S. Ball, Esquant.

Subs: Hannigan, Carstairs.

FOUR AGAINST RANGERS

Our youth team romped to an emphatic 4-0 win over Queens Park Rangers in last Saturday's South East Counties League game.

Francis Rivero, Danny Esquant (2), and Patrick Scully scored the goals.

Arsenal: Miller, Francis, McGregor, Turner, Scully, Stanislaus, Hillier (S. Ball), Rivero (Rebuck), Campbell, Connolly, Esquant.



Paul Smith (left) ... impressed at right back in the win over Southampton. Gus Caesar (right) ... scored our winner at Tottenham.

IT'S ALWAYS A THRILL TO PLAY AT ARSENAL

"I am really looking forward to the game this afternoon. It should be a cracker. It will be a hard match for us but there have been some great games between Arsenal and Luton in recent years and for my money this is the fixture of the day.

Having been an Arsenal player I always get a special feeling when I step into that marble hallway. There is a certain reverence about the place, the links with the past seem very close. It is all tradition at Highbury, it's a strange feeling, hard to put your finger on it, but I'm glad that I had the opportunity to be part of the mystique.

When I signed from Crystal Palace some people told me I was too young. Maybe they were right, I was just

turned 20. But it seemed a great move to me at the time. Unfortunately things did not go as well as I had anticipated. The club were in a transitional period having lost Liam Brady and Frank Stapleton and so success was not just around the corner.

When I joined on the transfer deadline, five years ago, we won our remaining 10 games and qualified for Europe. We were tipped for great things the following season but flopped sadly in every competition. That's how your luck goes, in cycles.

I was disappointed. I came here looking for success and it seemed it had backfired on me and a couple of serious injuries — a cartilage operation and then knee liga-

Former Gunner Peter Nicholas reflects on a return to Highbury

ment trouble — saw me out of the team.

When I didn't get back into the side I started to panic. I had been made captain of Wales after my arrival at Arsenal and that put pressure on me when I wasn't in the team. I needed to play football so I went back to Palace.

Perhaps I left too soon for my own good. I often envy the players who have played their whole careers here. I am a Luton Town player now and proud of it but once you have been an Arsenal man there is always something of this fine club left inside you.

Arsenal is by far one of the biggest institutions in English football and it is the consistency and loyalty behind the scenes that is so impressive. I am not surprised they are doing so well this season I have played with George Graham and know what he is about. They probably needed a little tip over the edge to get going and he was the man to do it.

Lucky Arsenal they always say but don't you believe it. In my experience the Gunners work for what they get and thoroughly deserve it.

Yes I had some happy times here and thoroughly enjoyed it but there will be no sentiment this afternoon. I want three points.



Peter Nicholas, pictured just after he joined the Gunners in 1981 — getting a welcome from his old Crystal Palace colleague Kenny Sansom!

Junior Gunners

THANKS TO ADIDAS

Junior Gunners would like to thank Adidas for kindly donating a set of Arsenal kit to today's mascot, Nicky Moore.

JGs NEEDED FOR A SURPRISE

We are looking for a number of Junior Gunners to help with a surprise we're planning before the game against Southampton next Saturday (December 27). We're sorry to be so mysterious — but we want to keep it a secret until the day!

What we can tell you is that every Junior Gunner who helps will be given two free seat tickets for the game. If you want to know more, please phone Debbie or Lisa on 01-359 0205 or 01-226 0304 on

OUR MASCOT NICKY MOORE



Our mascot this afternoon is 13 year-old Nicky Moore, from Welling, Kent, who goes to St Columbus school in Bexleyheath.

He plays football for Crayford Arrows in the local junior league and also turns out for his Air Cadet unit. His favourite role is in midfield.

Nicky loves swimming too. He's reached the finals of several galas, and he's also won a diving gala.

He's an enthusiastic all rounder so he enjoys games at school — where his class try out lots of different sports.

Nicky's other hobbies are model-making and motor racing. He's a regular visitor to Brands Hatch.

His favourite school subjects are Technical Drawing and Art.

His favourite TV programmes are Match of the Day, Fawlty Towers, Miami Vice and Saturday afternoon sports programmes; that's when he's not at Arsenal with his dad and brothers Daniel and Christopher (both Junior Gunners)!

Nicky's top Gunner is Kenny Sansom.

FACE IN THE CROWD

Are you the face ringed in the photograph opposite? If you are, you've won two tickets for an Arsenal home game this season.

All you have to do is bring along your programme and Junior Gunners Membership Card to Debbie at the Junior Gunners office and claim your tickets.

You can do this between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday — or between 12 midday and 2 p.m. on Saturday first team home match days.

Monday or Tuesday — or pop in to see Lisa in the Junior Gunners office straight after today's match.

SO YOU WANT TO BE A DISC JOCKEY?

We have a special competition for you to enter: the prize is to assist our match D.J. at the Liverpool game in February.

The winner will go into the public address office at 1.30 p.m., will make some announcements over the Tannoy, will help the D.J. select and play some records, and will be shown what goes on behind the scenes in the P.A. Box on match days.

At 2.45 p.m. the winner and his or her guest will be taken to their seats for the match. Unfortunately, the guest will have to wait in our cocktail lounge before the game as the P.A. Box is very small!

To win, all you have to do is answer two questions:

1. What is the name of the record released by the Arsenal F.C. first team squad in 1971?
2. What was the highest position it reached in the charts?

Answers, on a post-card, please, to: Disc Jockey Competition, c/o Debbie, Junior Gunners, Arsenal



The six winners of our 'BBC video of the 1979 Cup final' competition line up with Charlie Nicholas to show off their prizes. Our winners were Russell Buxton, Craig Allen, Liam Farley, Rodney Reddington, Zoe Cachia and Richard Maslen. Thanks once more to the BBC for donating the six videos as prizes.



F.C., Arsenal Stadium, Avenell Road, Highbury, London N5 1BU, to reach us by Friday, January 9, 1987. Don't forget to include your name, address and membership number.

FAMILY ENCLOSURE STAR GUESTS

Today our ex-goalkeeper, turned BBC TV sports presenter, Bob Wilson will be signing autographs in the Family Enclosure before the game. So look out for him there between 2.15pm and 2.45!

Then, next Saturday (December 27) before our game against Southampton, Gunners fan Tom Watt (Lofty from EastEnders) will be coming along to meet you all. Look out for him between 2.15 and 2.45 next Saturday!

We'd like to thank both Bob and Tom for kindly giving up their time to help us.

FAMILY ENCLOSURE TICKETS ACCEPTED

Don't forget: Junior Gunners need not worry about missing out on vouchers if you use the Family Enclosure. We'll accept a Family Enclosure ticket stub in place of the relevant voucher.

FACE IN THE CROWD WINNERS

Congratulations to James Hawe from Holloway, who spotted himself ringed in the programme for our game against Manchester City last month. He's chosen two seat tickets for our league game against Nottingham Forest in February. Congratulations also to Simon Melliush from Orpington who spotted his face in the programme for our game against QPR. He's chosen two tickets for the Littlewoods Cup quarter-final against Forest in January.

LUCKY NUMBER

Today's lucky 1986/7 membership number is... 3260. The winning member should contact Debbie to claim a mystery prize. Congratulations to Liam McGurk from Cricklewood, who spotted his number in the programme for the game against QPR.

MANCHESTER PEN PAL

If you'd like to correspond with a penpal in the north of England, then write to Manchester United fan Jason Masters at 84 Nanfield Road, New Moston, Manchester, M10. Jason is 15 years old and would like to swap programmes with an Arsenal fan of the same age.

MESSAGE

GUNNERS AWAY TRAVEL

READING v ARSENAL

F.A. Cup third round, Saturday, January 10, kick-off 3 p.m. This is an all ticket match.

All our allocation of seat tickets for this match has already been sold.

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS who require a standing ticket should apply to the Travel Club by post. Please enclose the following: a cheque for £4, voucher 30 from your season ticket book and a stamped and addressed envelope. Please state your block, row and seat number(s) or your serial number from your terrace season ticket. Tickets will be sold at the rate of one per season ticket.

TRAVEL CLUB MEMBERS should apply to the Travel Club by post. Please enclose the following: a cheque for £8, a stamped and addressed envelope and your Travel Club membership number. We are selling members a rail/match ticket package only — one rail ticket and match ticket per Travel Club card. Members can not buy a standing ticket without a rail ticket.

Please note: Tickets for this match are not due to arrive at Arsenal until January 2.



MANCHESTER UNITED
v **ARSENAL**
The Today League,
Division One,
Saturday, January 24
kick-off 3 p.m.



The Travel Club will be running a train to this game. Timings are awaited. Return fare is £11.50.

We have a limited number of seat tickets for this match, price £5.20. Please produce your season ticket book or Travel Club membership card when you buy your ticket.

Arsenal supporters who wish to stand at this match **MUST** buy their terrace tickets in advance. Terrace tickets cost £2.80.

The Travel Club is open before and after first team matches, and from 9.30 a.m. to 4.45 p.m., Monday to Friday.

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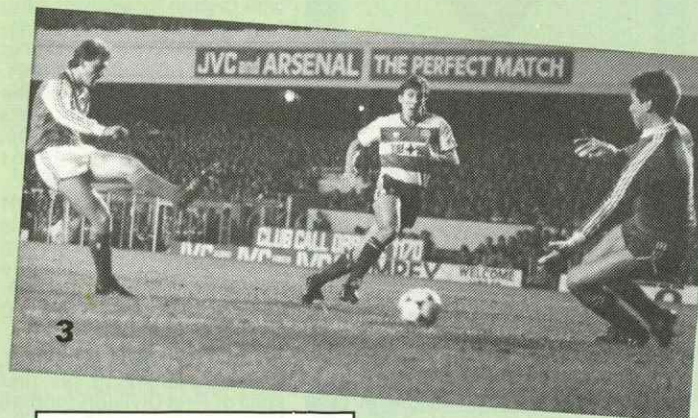
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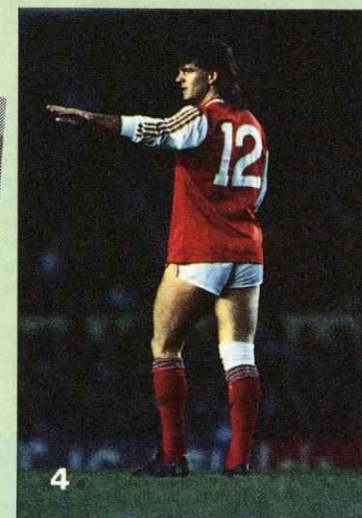
Martin and Niall score the goals that beat QPR 3-1



- 1 Martin Hayes flings himself full length for a spectacular diving header.
- 2 Niall Quinn salutes his header that's just beaten Rangers 'keeper David Seaman for our second goal.
- 3 Martin Hayes coolly slides in our third goal.
- 4 Directing operations? Charlie Nicholas, back in the first team after missing 13 matches through injury, makes a point to his colleagues.



B/W Pictures by Doug Poole
Colour Pictures by Bill Smith



LUTON TOWN have become one of the surprise teams of the season and they have emerged with a chance of winning the League Championship for the first time in their history.

This is despite the fact that they have been without last season's top scorer Mick Harford who is battling to regain match fitness following an injury. Mick scored 25 times last season.

Not unexpectedly, the Hatters' goals supply has dried up a bit though Brian Stein netted several important goals early on. Mike Newell has been playing in attack alongside Brian but manager John Moore has recently changed tactics to 4-3-3, bringing in the younger Stein brother, Mark, up front.

Mark took his chance splendidly and his goal at Oxford a fortnight ago was his fifth in as many games.

The Hatters have also missed the creative talents of Ricky Hill, following his injury in November. He complements the ball-winning qualities and vision of former Gunner Peter Nicholas in the middle of the field. Robert Wilson and Darron McDonough have filled the third midfield position.

Luton have won two away games at Chelsea (3-1) and Wimbledon (1-0). They drew at Leicester (1-1) and Tottenham (0-0) but lost at Aston Villa (1-2), West Ham (0-2), Manchester United (0-1), Sheffield Wednesday (0-1) and Oxford (2-4).

LES SEALEY (Goalkeeper). Les served his apprenticeship with Coventry and made his League debut for them at Q.P.R. in 1977. He made more than 150 League appearances for the Sky Blues prior to his £120,000 transfer to Luton in 1983. During 1984/85 he spent a brief loan period with Plymouth.

ROB JOHNSON (Defender). Rob, who can play in both full-back positions, is a former Luton apprentice. He actually first played League football for Lincoln City,

while on loan, in 1983. He returned to Kenilworth Road to make a couple of appearances in Luton's First Division side and has won a regular place this season.

STEVE FOSTER (Defender). Steve was signed from Aston Villa in a £70,000 deal two years ago. He began his League career with Portsmouth in 1976 but moved on to Brighton for £130,000 in 1979. While with the Seagulls, Steve won three England caps and he played against Manchester United at Wembley in the replay of the 1983 F.A. Cup final. Aston Villa signed him for £200,000 in 1984.

MAL DONAGHY (Defender). Mal was ever-present in N. Ireland's World Cup squad in Mexico and he picked up his 47th cap against Turkey this season. Luton signed him from Larne Town in 1978 and he is now approaching his 350th League appearance for the club.



ASHLEY GRIMES (Defender/Midfield). Ashley, who made a successful come-back this season at left-back, recently returned to his old position in midfield. Manchester United signed him twice from Irish club Bohemians. On the second occasion he cost £35,000 but he soon won international recognition and he now has 15 Republic of Ireland caps. After making 90 appearances in United's

League eleven, Ashley was transferred to Coventry for £200,000 in 1983 and Luton signed him a year later.



TIM BREACKER (Defender). Tim is a former Luton apprentice who got his chance in their First Division side in 1984. He had been holding a regular place at full-back for two years until recently suffering an injury.

RICKY HILL (Midfield). Ricky rose from his apprenticeship ranks to make his League debut in 1976. It took him a couple of years to earn a regular place but he now looks back on well over 350 League appearances for the Hatters. Ricky was capped by England on three occasions.

PETER NICHOLAS (Midfield). Former Gunner Peter has played for Wales on 46 occasions. He started his career with Crystal Palace and, after four years in their senior side, he was transferred to Arsenal for £400,000 in 1981. He held his place in the Gunners' side for two years before returning to Palace. Luton signed him for £150,000 two seasons ago.

DARRON McDONOUGH (Midfield). Darron served his apprenticeship with Oldham and made his first League appearance during 1980/81. Luton signed him for £85,000 a few weeks ago.

ROBERT WILSON (Midfield). Robert is enjoying his first spell of First Division football following his recent transfer

from Millwall. He developed in Fulham's junior teams and made more than 150 League appearances for the Cottagers before joining Millwall in the summer of 1985.

MARK NORTH (Midfield). Mark completed his apprenticeship at Kenilworth Road but first tasted League football as a Lincoln player, whilst on loan two seasons ago. He was introduced to Luton's senior team last season.

DAVID PREECE (Midfield). David grew up with Walsall, getting his first chance in their League team against Chester in 1981. He made more than 100 League appearances for the Saddlers before a £150,000 transfer to Luton.



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 term, when they won promotion, he led the way again with 21. Brian has played once for the full England team and has also won three under-21 caps.

MARK STEIN (Forward). Mark is Brian's younger brother and he made his League debut in 1983/84. Further opportunities were rare and, after a loan spell at Aldershot last season, Mark was anxious to establish himself. He went on the transfer list this season but has recently been revelling in his long-awaited chance to play regularly in the Luton first-team.

MIKE NEWELL (Forward). Mike was signed from Wigan towards the end of last season and scored six times in 16 matches. He began his career with Liverpool as an amateur but turned professional with Crewe Alexandra. After only three games in their League eleven, he was transferred to Wigan in 1984.

FORM GUIDE

Luton Town results so far this season as follows (all League matches unless stated)

Opponents	Result	Scorers	Crowd
Leicester City	(A) 2-1	Stein B.	9,801
Southampton	(H) 2-1	Wilson, Stein B.	8,777
Newcastle U.	(H) 0-0		9,254
Aston Villa	(A) 1-2	Stein B.	13,122
Chelsea	(A) 3-1	Newell (2), Stein B.	13,040
Arsenal	(H) 0-0		9,876
West Ham U.	(A) 0-2		19,133
Manchester C.	(H) 1-0	Stein B.	9,371
Tottenham H.	(A) 0-0		22,738
Norwich City	(H) 0-0		10,022
Manchester U.	(A) 0-1		39,927
Liverpool	(H) 4-1	Newell (3), Hill	13,140
Q.P.R.	(H) 1-0	Owen goal	9,085
Wimbledon	(A) 1-0	Stein M.	5,928
Nottingham F.	(H) 4-2	Stein M. (2), Foster, Stein B.	11,097
Sheffield W.	(A) 0-1		21,171
Charlton A.	(A) 1-0	Stein M.	9,373
Oxford U.	(A) 2-4	Stein B., Stein M.	8,804
Everton	(H) 1-0	Newell	11,151

PAST MATCHES BETWEEN ARSENAL AND LUTON TOWN

Season	Division Two		Away
	Home		
1897/98	2-1		1-3
1898/99	3-0		1-4
1899/1900	5-1		0-3

Season	Division One		Away
	Home		
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
1986/87	—		0-0

Arsenal's score shown first

Football League Cup
1970/71 Third Round:
Arsenal won 1-0 at Luton

F.A. Cup
1951/52 Sixth Round:
Arsenal won 3-2 at Luton
1985/86 Fifth Round:
Luton won 3-0 at Luton
after a 2-2 draw at Luton
and a 0-0 draw at Highbury

EARLIER THIS SEASON

The Today League
September 13
LUTON (0) 0 ARSENAL (0) 0
Attendance: 9,876
LUTON: Sealey, Johnson, Grimes, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein B., Newell, Wilson, Nwajobi, (Stein M.).
ARSENAL: Lukic, Anderson, Sansom, Williams, O'Leary, Adams, Rocastle, Davis, Quinn (Groves), Nicholas, Rix.

JOHN MOORE FOLLOWS LUTON TRADITION

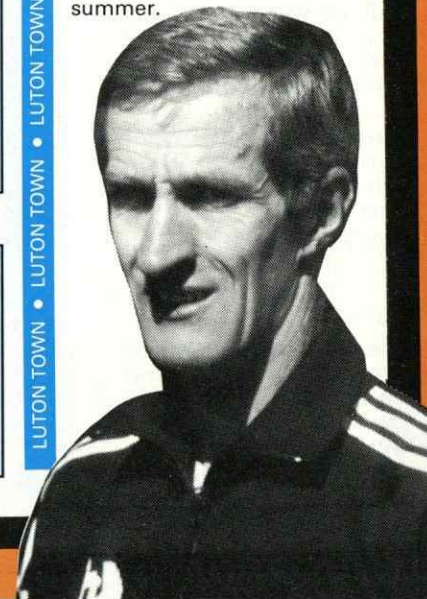
John Moore, who succeeded David Pleat as Luton's manager last summer, has seen no reasons to change the policy that has brought the Hatters success over the past few years. He continues to encourage positive, attacking play and, while he acknowledges the need to go into the market for new players from time to time, he is giving his younger players every chance to prove themselves.

Mr Moore, who was previously the club trainer, spent the best years of his playing career as a Luton player. A wing-half, he was signed from Motherwell in 1965 and he held his place in the first-team for six seasons.

He was a member of Luton's Fourth Division Championship side of 1968.

In 1982/83 he spent a short period on loan to Brighton and he eventually left Kenilworth Road to sign for Northampton in 1984.

After taking up coaching, he returned to join the Luton staff later, earning his chance to take over as manager this summer.



LUTON TOWN



by TONY PULLEIN

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ARSENAL CLUB CALL QUIZ

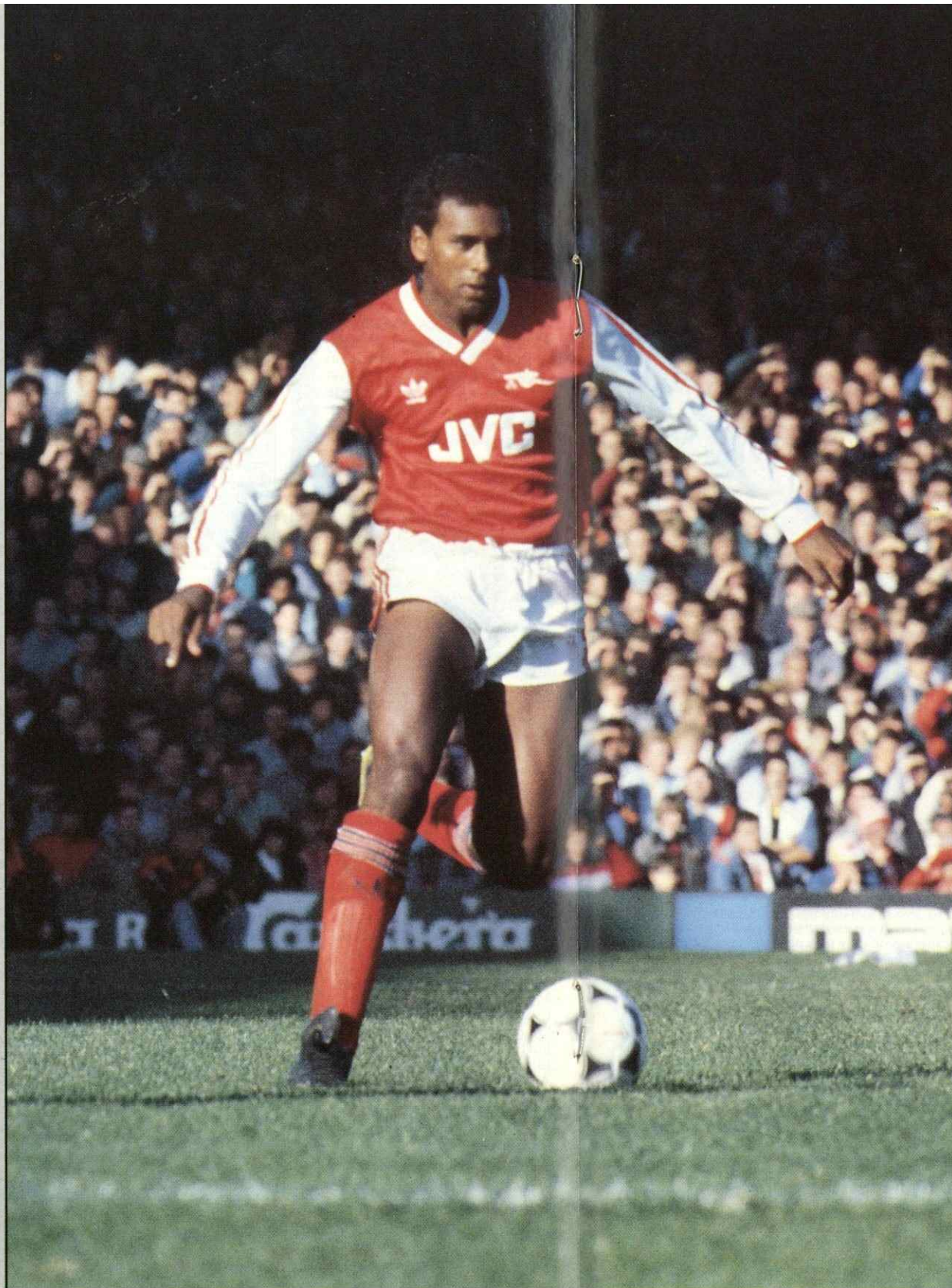
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The DAVID ROCASTLE File

David Rocastle has made rapid strides since making his Gunners' First Division debut against Newcastle in September 1985. With only 21 League games behind him, he made his debut for the England under-21s against Sweden in September. And earlier this month, our Supporters Club voted him their Player of the Year for 1986.

He first joined the club on schoolboy forms in May 1982 and, after completing his apprenticeship, became a full-time professional in December 1984.

Here we analyse his career to date, showing his season-by-season appearances against each opponent. "S" denotes he played as substitute and his goals are shown in brackets.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

	85/6	86/7	TOTAL
ASTON VILLA	1(1)	1(1)	2(2)
CHARLTON		1	1
CHELSEA		1(1)	1(1)
COVENTRY	1	1	2
EVERTON		1	1
IPSWICH	1+s		1+1s
LIVERPOOL		1	1
LUTON	1	1	2
MAN. CITY	1	1	1
MAN. UNITED		1	1
NEWCASTLE	2	1	3
NORWICH		1	1
NOTTM. FOREST	1+s	1	2+1s
OXFORD		1	1
Q.P.R.		1	1
SHEFF. WED.		1	1
SOUTHAMPTON		1	1
TOTTENHAM	2	1	3
WATFORD	2	1	3
WEST HAM	1+s	1	2+1s
	13+3s (1)	19 (2)	32+3s (3)

F.A. CUP

	85/6		TOTAL
GRIMSBY	1		1
LUTON	3(1)		3(1)
ROTHERHAM	1		1
	5(1)		5(1)

LEAGUE CUP

	85/6	86/7	TOTAL
ASTON VILLA	2		2
CHARLTON		1	1
HEREFORD	s		0+1s
HUDDERSFIELD		2	2
MAN. CITY		1(1)	1
	2+1s	3	6+1s(1)

Statistics by Tony Pullein/Picture by Bill Smith

VIEW from the dressing room

CAPTAIN KENNY'S CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

by Kevin Connolly

It's no shock to Gunners skipper Kenny Sansom to find us topping the table at Christmas.

Kenny admits, he didn't quite expect us to be sitting in this exalted position — but he always expected Arsenal would be one of the clubs challenging for the lead.

"I'm not surprised at the way we've progressed," he says: "At the start of the season, I knew we had a good blend of experienced players and youngsters set to make a successful future for themselves in the game. I always believed we had the potential to do well."

Kenny claims that Arsenal's success stems from an all-round team effort. "We're playing as a unit," he declares: "When we go forward, we all go forward, and when we defend, we all defend."

The Gunners boast the best defensive record in the first division — but Kenny believes that's as much due to forwards and midfielders harrying opponents attacks as it is to Sansom and his defensive colleagues. Likewise, defenders Tony Adams and Viv Anderson have both already made handsome contributions to our goals tally!

The young players have given us a great boost," says Kenny: "Tony Adams is very mature and he's slotted in straightaway. David Rocastle and Niall Quinn have both proved themselves too."

"Some managers might have been tempted to drop them when things weren't going so well earlier in the season. George Graham kept faith with them, and they've more than repaid his belief in them."

"The injuries to experienced players could have been a problem too — but Martin Hayes and Perry Groves have both come in determined to show what they could do."

The development of those young players has convinced Kenny he's part of Arsenal's most powerful squad, since he joined the Gunners in 1980. "We've got strength in depth all round," says Kenny. "These days we're a side that's really hard to beat."

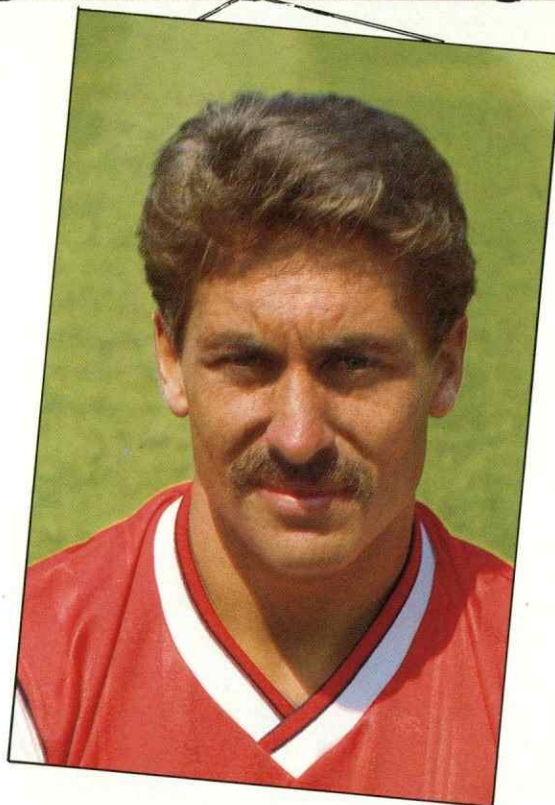
Kenny remarks that the present Gunners have discovered a devastating streak recent Arsenal teams have lacked.

"When we've gone a goal up, we've wanted to stretch the lead. We haven't been content to win by one, we've wanted three or four," he says. Likewise, this side has survived matches in which past Arsenal teams might have crumbled. The recent 1-1 draw at Norwich immediately springs to mind.

Still, Kenny believes that concentration on the Gunners resilience and defensive solidity distracts attention from other qualities.

"There's a lot of flair in this squad," he comments: "We're proving that by scoring regularly: 'We've worked hard on dead ball situations and we're making them pay off — and we're also scoring plenty of goals from open play. I think we're an exciting team to watch.'"

"We've settled on a way of playing now, and we're



buzzing," says Kenny: "Whoever comes into the team now will be able to slot into the pattern easily."

But Kenny won't get carried away yet. He knows the holiday programme may turn out sour for a lot of title challengers.

"This could be a big sorting-out period," he says: "It could make or break some teams with championship hopes."

Our skipper has definite views on the sides who'll be contesting the championship come April and May.

"The top six now will be the ones fighting it out," he declares: "Liverpool and Nottingham Forest both impressed me when we played them. I thought Coventry looked useful too, and I'm sure Everton will challenge after they've come through the opening half of the season close to the top, despite all their injuries."

And Arsenal? "I'm expecting a tight race. But if we can keep our run going, we could be the team to make a break," says Kenny: "It's too early to make predictions about the championship. But if we keep going the way we have been, then we're in the driving seat."

Skipping such a team would be a fitting reward for England's most-capped full back — who despite his fantastic international career, has yet to win a major club honour. Maybe this will be Kenny's year!

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Tie, Blue, Official, Crest Motif	3.75	20	
Tie, Maroon, Official, Crest Motif	3.75	20	
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Stadium Postcard	0.15	15	
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Christmas Cards, 30p each/or 10 for	2.50	15/36	
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Leisure Shirts (White/Cannon Motif)			
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1986/87 Adidas Football Kits			
Shirt Size	12.95	25	
S Boys	12.95	25	
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(Red/White)	12.95	30	
or	16.95	30	
Youth	16.95	30	
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Small	16.95	30	
Medium	16.95	30	
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Shorts, White	26-28"	7.25	20
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Navy	34"	9.25	20
	36"	9.25	20
Stockings, Red	Junior Size	3.50	18
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Video 1979 Cup Final v Man. Utd.	9.99	60	
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Scarves:-			
Bar Scarf R/W	2.75	26	
Cannon/Arsenal R/W	3.50	26	

	U.K. PRICE POST £ p		REQ
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Glorious Gunners	2.75	26	
Arsenal are Magic	2.75	26	
Jacquard Scarf (Woven)	3.50	26	
Bar Scarf Y/B	2.75	26	
Banner Type Scarf R/W	2.50	26	
Banner Type Scarf Y/B	2.50	26	
Centenary Scarf 100 Years	2.75	26	
Tax Disc Holder	0.35	18	
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Car Badge	3.50	28	
G. B. Sticker	0.35	18	
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Gear Lever Knob, Walnut	1.80	24	
Hand Pointer (Follow Me To Arsenal)	0.35	18	
Baby Doll Nightie Set	6.50	30	
1979 Cup Final Record v Man. United	3.75	50	
Sing-a-Long Record, 4 Songs	2.90	24	
Ear Rings, Silver Cannon, Pair	5.50	24	
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Ear Rings, Silver, A.F.C. Pair	5.50	24	
Charm (9 ct. gold) No.1 Arsenal	10.50	18	
Baby Romper Suits			
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32" 34"	17.50	1.33	
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Pennants — Banners etc.			
Standard Pennant P.V.C.	1.00	18	
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Charlie Nicholas Banner	2.50	24	
Midi Silk Banners	2.20	18	
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Centenary Banner	2.20	24	
Leather Goods (Red) Embossed			
Ticket Case (Rail/Bus)	0.75	18	
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Headwear:			
Ski Hat (Follow Me To Arsenal)	3.50	24	
Reversible Beany	2.50	24	
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8 Panel Cap with Badge	2.00	24	
Pilot Cap (Pride of London)	2.00	24	
USA Astronaut Cap	3.50	24	
Ski Cap Std. R.W. or Y.B.	2.00	24	
Ski Cap Cannon, R.W. or Y.B.	2.50	24	
Ski Cap Reversible 4 Colour	3.00	30	
Cheese-cutter Cap	2.00	24	
Tammy Wool	3.50	24	
Ski Cap, Single Cannon, R/W	2.50	24	
Headbands (Red & White)	1.50	18	
Davy Crockett Hat	6.50	24	
Books etc.			
Football Emperor, Herbert Chapman	8.50	75	
Handbook 1986-87	1.20	30	
The Story of Arsenal 1886-1981	4.95	95	
1886-1986 Centenary Book	12.95	2.00	
Autograph Book (Exclusive)	1.10	24	
Charlie (Nicholas) Autobiography	8.95	75	

FLASHBACK

5 YEARS AGO

Bad weather caused the postponement of the vast majority of League games on the Saturday before Christmas, including our game at Southampton and Luton's Second Division match at Barnsley.

Goals from Mike Lyons and Peter Eastoe gave Everton a 2-0 home win over Aston Villa and, in the only other First Division game played, Sunderland scored a shock 3-2 away win over Manchester City. Stan Cummins, Gary Rowell and Barry Venison scored for Sunderland. Trevor Francis got both City goals.

Chelsea were held 1-1 at Stamford Bridge by Blackburn Rovers in Division Two.

Mark Chamberlain, later to become an England player, scored Port Vale's winner in their Fourth Division game at Torquay.

20 YEARS AGO

Frank McLintock and Jon Sammels both scored in our 2-0 victory over Sunderland at Highbury.

Derek Kevan, the former England striker, scored a vital goal for Luton. It earned them a 1-1 draw at Halifax but the Hatters still remained among the bottom four clubs in Division Four.

David Herd grabbed a hat-trick as First Division leaders Manchester United won 4-3 at W.B.A. Denis Law netted their other goal.

There were plenty of goals. Chelsea, in second place, were held to a 5-5 draw by West Ham at Stamford Bridge! With 10 minutes to play, Chelsea trailed 3-5 before two goals from Bobby Tambling, one from a penalty, that saved them.

Preston won 5-1 away to Northampton in Division Two.

10 YEARS AGO

There was plenty of early excitement in our home match with Manchester United which drew a crowd of more than 39,000. Sammy McIlroy put United ahead after only five minutes but, almost immediately, we were level with a Malcolm Macdonald goal. Liam Brady made it 2-1 just on the interval and another from Macdonald after the break made it 3-1 to the Gunners.

Luton's Second Division game at home to Oldham was postponed.

First Division leaders Liverpool lost 0-2 at West Ham so this enabled Ipswich, who drew 0-0 at home to Derby, to take over at the top on goal-average.

Bristol City lost 1-2 at home to Middlesbrough in a First Division game.

Trevor Francis netted one of Birmingham's goals in their 2-2 draw at Everton. Duncan McKenzie scored Everton's two.

Carlisle were trailing 1-3 at home to Cardiff with only seven minutes of their Second Division match to play. Then Bill Rafferty hit a rapid hat-trick to give Carlisle a 4-3 win.

Only a last-minute goal from Ian Britton enabled Second Division leaders Chelsea to salvage a point from a 1-1 draw at Hull.



Malcolm Macdonald (left) and Liam Brady ... scored the goals in our 3-1 win over Manchester United on this Saturday 10 years ago.

15 YEARS AGO

Two goals from defender John Roberts earned the Gunners a 2-0 Highbury win over W.B.A.

Alan Slough and Don Givens scored in the second-half to give Luton a 2-0 home win over Orient in Division Two. Manchester United remained on top of Division One after drawing 0-0 at Ipswich.

Second-placed Manchester City failed to take advantage to close the four-point gap as they were held to 1-1 at home by Leicester. It needed a Francis Lee penalty to gain them that point.

Second Division leaders Norwich received a set-back at Carlisle where Stan Bowles scored a hat-trick as the Cumbrians triumphed 3-0.

Aston Villa defeated Bolton 3-2 at Villa Park in a Third Division game watched by 27,767 fans.

Southport maintained their promotion challenge in Division Four with a 3-0 home win over Colchester.

25 YEARS AGO

Even though it was traditionally the worst day for crowds on the pre-Christmas Saturday, a mammoth gathering of 63,440 packed Highbury for the derby game against Spurs. Dave Mackay gave the visitors a half-time lead but second-half efforts from Mel Charles and Alan Skirton turned the game into a 2-1 Arsenal victory.

Luton were beaten 0-2 at home by Plymouth in Division Two.

First Division leaders Burnley's game at Bolton was postponed.

Though Barry Bridges' goal proved to be the winner against Aston Villa at Stamford Bridge, Chelsea remained stuck at the bottom of the First Division.

Leeds' Second Division relegation worries were relieved when a goal from Billy Bremner enabled them to beat leaders Liverpool at Elland Road. Notts County defeated Bradford Park Avenue 4-2 in a Third Division game.

Highbury

HOTLINE



OLD STYLE WARNING!

While looking through my collection of old Arsenal programmes I spotted this warning — from a programme of 1931. I thought it was rather amusing. Some things never seem to change!

TWO IMPORTANT NOTICES

Ticket Profiteers

In recent matches we have again been troubled with unauthorised sellers of tickets who have induced our patrons to buy at enhanced prices. In spite of every precaution we cannot prevent tickets falling into the hands of these persons. BUT IF, ON FUTURE OCCASIONS, ANY PATRON HAS BEEN INDUCED TO PAY AN ENHANCED PRICE FOR A TICKET, WILL HE KINDLY FORWARD THE COUNTERFOIL TO THE OFFICE. AS IT MAY FORM A CLUE BY WHICH TO TRACE THE SALESMAN.

Pirate Programmes

The vendors of worthless and unofficial programmes have again been doing trade outside our ground at recent matches. All official programme sellers wear a red cap with Arsenal F.C. in white lettering on the front. If patrons would make a point of buying only from such sellers this nuisance would be stopped.

Again, should any unofficial seller endeavour to thrust his wares upon a patron it is possible to give him in charge for molestation and insulting behaviour. One prosecution has already been made, the delinquent being fined 40/-. If others follow the same line we would soon be rid of these pests.

F. Monk,
Enfield

PERRY'S REMINDERS

Seeing Perry Groves play, I was trying to cast my mind back to how his uncle Vic used to play. I can see some similarity although Vic always seemed to wear large flapping shorts.

Perry reminds me much more in the way he plays of Derek Tapscott with his direct fast style. If he had his hair dyed back he would even look like him.

I hope he scores as many goals as Derek did for the Gunners!

G.J. Thomas
Rickmansworth
Hertfordshire

CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS

Some long-serving members of the Highbury staff may correct me but I believe during the time that George Swindin was manager, that it became the in-thing at the club to have car registration numbers beginning with the letters AFC. I can't recall whether the Chairman or the manager had AFC1 but I remember reading that various players had AFC2, AFC3, etc.

Out of interest, some four or five years ago I saw AFC1 on an old banger in a remote part of Wales!

John Read
Dunstable
Beds.

BACK AFTER 20 YEARS!

I'm a rather venerable gentleman of 72 whose previous association with the Arsenal was as a spectator in the period when the teams included the following players — Preedy, Moss, Parker, Male, Hapgood, Seddon, Robert Bob John, Joe Hulme, David Jack, Lambert, Alex James, Cliff Bastin and later Crayston, Copton, the Comptons, Ted Drake, etc.

I am sure that I will be excused for thinking that this was the golden era of the club, over 50 years ago. But then for different reasons I only saw an odd game here and there with my last game at home being against Sheffield United when they were playing in the first division about 20 years ago.

That was until a few weeks ago, when I saw the match between the Gunners and Charlton Athletic and I now come to the reason for my letter — which is a thank-you to an Arsenal supporter, his son, son-in-law and friends for providing me with a stand seat, a jug or two and a car ride home to Finchley. One hears of so much violence at the football matches it is nice to present the other picture.

I won't mention their names because I am sure they would be pretty embarrassed if I did!

I would like to say, what a civilised way to watch a football match. My memories of standing at the Clock End in the thirties and being pushed and shoved up and down the terraces in a crowd of about 60,000 do not bear comparison but come to think of it I didn't get a thick ear once!

C. H. Good
Finchley

MARS MINI MARATHON

Did you know that the London Borough of Haringey is running training sessions for next May's Mars Mini Marathon.

The Mini Marathon will be run on May 10th 1987, over a 5km course between Tower Bridge and Westminster Bridge. Boys and girls aged from 11 to 18 are eligible to run.

If you live in Haringey and you would like to join the Borough training squad, then turn up at our training sessions which are held at New River Sports Centre every Wednesday, starting at 4.45 p.m.

B. Gravis
Haringey Community Recreation

GUNNER THE KITTEN

I think my kitten deserves a mention in the Arsenal programme. The reason being Gunner (or should I say Gunneress) as since the first day I have had her Arsenal began their unbeaten run of success. It's probably just coincidence, but all the same, after naming her Gunner, I reckon she might have a little to do with it!

Miss C. Walker
Islington

ARSENAL IN CHERBOURG

I enclose an 'Arsenal abroad' photograph of myself taken at Cherbourg this summer. I do hope you will be able to print it at some stage.

Andrew Harley
Orpington
Kent



DATE	OPPONENTS	F A	ATT.	POS.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug. 23	—Manchester United	1-0	41,382	—	Lukic	Anderson	Sansom	Robson	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle†	Davis	Quinn	Nicholas¹	Rix	Hayes (80)
Aug. 26	—Coventry City	1-2	11,187	—	Lukic	Anderson¹	Sansom	Robson	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Quinn	Nicholas	Rix†	Hayes (65)
Aug. 30	—Liverpool	1-2	38,637	16	Lukic	Anderson	Sansom	Robson+	O'Leary	Adams¹	Rocastle	Davis	Quinn	Nicholas	Rix	Williams (78)
Sept. 2	—Sheffield Wednesday	2-0	20,101	9	Lukic	Anderson	Sansom	Robson	O'Leary	Adams¹	Rocastle†	Davis	Quinn¹	Nicholas	Rix	Hayes (74)
Sept. 6	—Tottenham Hotspur	0-0	44,707	11	Lukic	Anderson	Sansom	Robson	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle†	Davis	Quinn	Nicholas	Rix	Hayes (77)
Sept. 13	—Luton Town	0-0	9,876	10	Lukic	Anderson	Sansom	Williams	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Quinn	Nicholas	Rix	Groves (75)
Sept. 20	—Oxford United	0-0	20,676	12	Lukic	Anderson	Sansom	Williams	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Quinn	Nicholas	Rix†	Groves (64)
Sept. 23	—Huddersfield Town (LC2 1L)	2-0	15,194	—	Lukic	Anderson	Sansom	Williams	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis¹	Quinn¹	Nicholas	Rix	Groves (62)
Sept. 27	—Nottingham Forest	0-1	25,371	15	Lukic	Anderson	Sansom	Williams	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Quinn	Nicholas	Rix	Allinson (61)
Oct. 4	—Everton	1-0	30,007	12	Lukic	Anderson	Sansom	Williams¹	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Quinn	Allinson	Groves†	Caesar (85)
Oct. 7	—Huddersfield Town (LC2 2L)	1-1	8,713	—	Lukic	Anderson	Sansom	Williams	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Quinn	Allinson†	Groves	Hayes¹ (55)
Oct. 11	—Watford	3-1	24,076	8	Lukic	Anderson	Sansom	Williams	O'Leary+	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Quinn¹	Groves¹	Hayes¹ p	Allinson (71)
Oct. 18	—Newcastle United	2-1	22,368	7	Lukic	Anderson¹	Sansom	Williams¹	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Quinn†	Groves	Hayes² p	Caesar (88)
Oct. 25	—Chelsea	3-1	32,990	4	Lukic	Anderson	Sansom	Williams	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle¹	Davis	Quinn†	Groves	Hayes² p	Allinson (76)
Oct. 28	—Manchester City (LC3)	3-1	21,604	—	Lukic	Anderson	Sansom	Williams	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle¹	Davis¹	Quinn†	Groves	Hayes¹ p	Allinson (58)
Nov. 1	—Charlton Athletic	2-0	19,614	2	Lukic	Anderson	Sansom	Williams	O'Leary	Adams¹	Rocastle	Davis	Quinn	Groves†	Hayes¹	Caesar (84)
Nov. 8	—West Ham United	0-0	36,084	3	Lukic	Anderson	Sansom	Williams	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Quinn	Groves	Hayes	Caesar
Nov. 15	—Southampton	4-0	18,726	1	Lukic	Anderson¹	Sansom	Williams	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle+	Davis	Quinn¹	Groves¹	Hayes¹ p	Caesar (87)
Nov. 18	—Charlton Athletic (LC4)	*2-0	28,301	—	Lukic	Anderson	Sansom	Williams	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Quinn¹	Groves+	Hayes	Allinson(H/T)
Nov. 22	—Manchester City	3-0	29,009	1	Lukic	Anderson¹	Sansom	Williams	O'Leary	Adams¹	Rocastle	Davis	Quinn¹	Allinson	Hayes	Merson (76)
Nov. 29	—Aston Villa	*4-0	21,658	1	Lukic	Anderson	Sansom	Williams	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle¹	Davis	Quinn	Groves¹	Hayes¹	Caesar
Dec. 6	—Queens Park Rangers	3-1	34,049	1	Lukic	Anderson	Sansom	Williams	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Quinn¹	Groves+	Hayes²	Nicholas(78)
Dec. 13	—Norwich City	1-1	21,409	1	Lukic	Anderson	Sansom	Williams	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Quinn	Groves	Hayes¹ d	Caesar(85)
Dec. 20	—Luton Town															
Dec. 26	—Leicester City (11.30 am)															
Dec. 27	—Southampton															
Jan. 1	—Wimbledon															
Jan. 4	—Tottenham Hotspur															
Jan. 10	—Reading (FAC3)															
Jan. 18	—Coventry City															
Jan. 21	—Nottingham Forest (LC5)															
Jan. 24	—Manchester United															
Jan. 31	—F.A. Cup 4th Round															
Feb. 7	—Liverpool															
Feb. 14	—Sheffield Wednesday															
Feb. 21	—Nottingham Forest (FAC5)															
Feb. 28	—Oxford United															
Mar. 7	—Chelsea															
Mar. 14	—Newcastle United (FAC6)															
Mar. 21	—Watford															
Mar. 28	—Everton															
Apr. 4	—West Ham United															
Apr. 11	—Charlton Athletic (FAC SF)															
Apr. 18	—Wimbledon															
Apr. 20	—Leicester City															
Apr. 25	—Manchester City															
May 2	—Aston Villa															
May 4	—Queens Park Rangers															
May 9	—Norwich City															
May 16	—F.A. Cup Final															

COMING GAMES AT Highbury

The Today League Division One
v **SOUTHAMPTON**
Saturday, December 27
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

The Today League Division One
v **WIMBLEDON**
Thursday, January 1
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

() Time Substitute used. +Player substituted. *Own goal.

FIRST DIVISION HIGHEST AVERAGE GATES

(League matches only)

Man. Utd.	39,475	Newcastle	23,562
Liverpool	35,439	Sheff. Wed.	23,281
Arsenal	31,452	West Ham	22,419
Everton	31,170	Man. City	21,606
Tottenham	25,022	Nott'm Forest	20,005

FIRST DIVISION LEADING SCORERS

(League matches only)

- 17 Allen C. (Tottenham)
15 Clarke (Southampton)
14 Rush (Liverpool)
12 Aldridge (Oxford), Birtles & Webb (Nott'm Forest), Chapman (Sheff. Weds)
10 Cottee (West Ham)
9 Hayes (Arsenal)

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES

1986/87

		F A
Aug. 23	Luton Town	3-2
Aug. 30	Bristol Rovers	4-2
Sept. 2	Portsmouth	1-1
Sept. 10	Oxford United	2-0
Sept. 17	Crystal Palace	5-2
Sept. 26	Millwall	2-1
Sept. 30	Fulham	2-0
Oct. 4	Reading	2-0
Oct. 18	Chelsea	1-1
Oct. 25	Watford	2-1
Nov. 1	Charlton Athletic	0-1
Nov. 8	West Ham United	1-3
Nov. 15	Tottenham Hotspur	1-1
Nov. 26	Swindon Town	1-0
Nov. 29	Queens Park Rangers	4-1
Dec. 6	Tottenham Hotspur	1-0
Dec. 13	Southampton	3-1
Dec. 23	Ipswich Town	
Jan. 3	Brighton & Hove Albion	
Jan. 10	Luton Town	
Jan. 13	Bristol Rovers	
Jan. 24	Portsmouth	
Jan. 28	Oxford United	
Feb. 3	Brighton & Hove Albion	
Feb. 6	Norwich City	
Feb. 14	Crystal Palace	
Feb. 18	Millwall	
Feb. 28	Fulham	
Mar. 7	Watford	
Mar. 14	Chelsea	
Mar. 21	Ipswich Town	
Mar. 28	Reading	
Apr. 4	West Ham United	
Apr. 7	Charlton Athletic	
Apr. 21	Queens Park Rangers	
Apr. 25	Swindon Town	
May 9	Southampton	
	To be arranged	
	Norwich City	
	FRIENDLIES	
Oct. 10	Barnet	2-1
Oct. 22	Cambridge University	2-0
Oct. 29	Oxford University	0-0

THE TODAY LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

(Up to and including Sunday 14th December 1986)

	HOME	GOALS	AWAY	GOALS	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	19	6	3	0	15	3	5	2	3	16	7 38
Nottingham Forest	19	7	2	0	22	6	4	0	6	20	21 35
Liverpool	19	6	3	1	23	8	4	1	4	16	14 34
Everton	19	5	3	1	17	7	4	2	4	14	12 32
Luton Town	19	7	3	0	14	4	2	2	5	8	12 32
West Ham United	19	5	1	3	17	15	3	5	2	13	16 30
Norwich City	19	6	3	1	16	11	2	3	4	11	18 30
Sheffield Wednesday	19	5	4	0	22	11	2	4	4	12	18 29
Tottenham Hotspur	19	4	3	3	12	11	4	2	3	14	12 29
Coventry City	18	7	1	1	12	4	1	4	4	5	10 29
Wimbledon	19	5	1	4	14	11	4	0	5	12	11 28
Watford	19	6	1	2	21	8	1	3	6	13	19 25
Oxford United	19	5	3	1	16	10	1	3	6	6	22 24
Southampton	18	5	1	3	18	14	2	1	6	16	25 23
Newcastle United	19	4	2	4	16	14	1	4	4	7	15 21
Queens Park Rangers	19	4	3	3	14	13	1	2	6	4	12 20
Leicester City	19	3	4	3	15	14	2	1	6	7	16 20
Manchester United	19	4	2	3	16	11	0	5	5	7	14 19
Charlton Athletic	19	2	3	4	10	13	3	1	6	9	17 19
Aston Villa	19	4	2	4	14	18	1	2	6	11	23 19
Manchester City	19	4	3	3	16	13	0	3	6	3	13 18
Chelsea	19	1	3	5	6	18	2	4	4	3	19 16

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

(Up to and including Saturday 13th December 1986)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	18	13	2	3	47	14	28
Arsenal	17	12	3	2	35	17	27
Tottenham Hotspur	18	10	5	3	46	18	25
Queens Park Rangers	18	10	4	4	39	32	24
West Ham United	17	10	3	4	36	20	23
Swindon Town	20	10	2	8	51	44	22
Norwich City	18	10	2	6	40	34	22
Ipswich Town	16	9	1	6	24	27	19
Oxford United	17	7	4	6	39	33	18
Watford	17	6	6	5	30	26	18
Luton Town	16	7	1	8	39	31	15
Fulham	16	5	5	6	22	23	15
Southampton	17	6	2	9	29	29	14
Crystal Palace	17	5	4	8	27	30	14
Charlton Athletic	16	5	3	8	22	30	13
Reading	16	5	2	9	23	48	12
Portsmouth	17	4	2	11	22	42	10
Millwall	17	3	3	11	23	46	9
Brighton & Hove Albion	16	3	0	13	20	44	6
Bristol Rovers	16	2	2	12	16	42	6

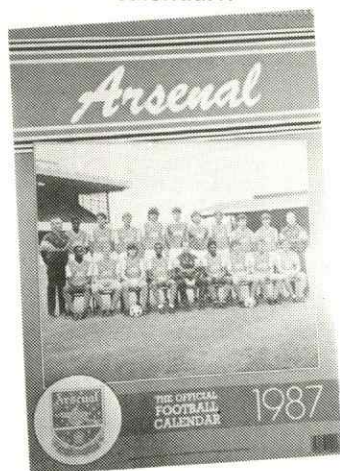
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FIXTURES

1986/87

		F A		F A	
Aug. 23	Cambridge United	5-1	Dec. 1	Southampton (FAYC2)	0-3
Aug. 27	West Ham United	2-3	Dec. 6	Gillingham	0-0
Aug. 30	Tottenham Hotspur	1-1	Dec. 13	Queens Park Rangers	4-0
Sept. 3	Chelsea	3-1	Dec. 18	West Ham U. (SECL3)	
Sept. 6	Gillingham	3-1	Dec. 22	Millwall	
Sept. 13	Queens Park Rangers	5-0	Jan. 3	Norwich City	
Sept. 17	Aston Villa (SJFC)	3-3	Jan. 6	West Ham U. (SJFC3)	
Sept. 20	Watford (SECLC1)	3-1	Jan. 10	Portsmouth	
Sept. 24	Aston Villa (SJFCR)	1-1	Jan. 17	Charlton Athletic	
Sept. 30	Aston Villa (SJFC2R)	5-2	Jan. 24	Southend United	
Oct. 4	Orient	2-6	Jan. 31	Watford	
Oct. 11	Fulham	4-1	Feb. 7	Southend United	
Oct. 18	Watford	0-1	Feb. 14	Ipswich Town	
Oct. 25	West Ham United	5-1	Feb. 21	Portsmouth	
Nov. 1	Tottenham (SELC2)	4-0	Feb. 28	Fulham	
Nov. 4	Colchester U. (SJFC)	3-2	Mar. 7	Orient	
Nov. 8	Cambridge United	3-0	Mar. 14	Ipswich Town	
Nov. 15	Charlton Athletic	0-0	Apr. 4	Norwich City	
Nov. 22	Chelsea	3-2	To be arranged:		
Nov. 29	Tottenham Hotspur	2-3	Millwall		

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A goal 12 seconds from the end of a thrilling final
robbed our impressive young squad of the Guinness
Soccer Six trophy in Manchester last week.

It was our third successive Soccer Six final — but
we were beaten at the final hurdle for the second
year running.

With the score 1-1 and the game heading towards
a penalty shoot-out, Oxford United's Paul Swannock
hit a last-gasp winner.

It was a sickening blow for our squad — who had
played some of the most exhilarating football of the
tournament at the G-Mex Centre.

Said team manager Terry Burton: "I was very
pleased we did so well with such a young squad. In
the end it was sheer tiredness that got to us."



Paul Merson (left) and Michael Thomas (right)... two of our young
heroes in the Guinness Soccer Six tournament.



Teenage defender Michael
Thomas, quicksilver striker Paul
Merson and reserve goalkeeper Rhys
Wilmot starred as the Gunners
stormed through to the final.

Also in impressive form were
midfielders Wesley Reid and Greg
Allen — and the team were well
marshalled by old hand Graham Rix.

The 10-man Arsenal squad
included six teenagers — but swept
aside more experienced teams from
Aston Villa, Manchester City,
Nottingham Forest and Tottenham in
the earlier rounds.

We beat Villa 2-1, then trounced
Manchester City 5-1. Thomas and
Merson both scored twice and Greg
Allen hit the other.

Merson was on target again as we
beat Nottingham Forest 2-0 — Ian
Allinson added our second goal.

Those results qualified the
Gunners to join the final play-offs the
following night.

First we came up against Spurs —
and earned a well-deserved 2-1
victory thanks to goals from Allinson
and Gus Caesar.

Then we crushed Sheffield
Wednesday 5-2 to clinch our spot in
the final. Merson and Allinson both
scored twice and Thomas hit the
other.

In a tight final, Arsenal took a 1-0
lead from a Thomas penalty. We
held the lead until half-time but John
Aldridge shot Oxford level soon after
the turnaround. Then Swannock
slipped through to snatch the trophy
away with his late-late winner.

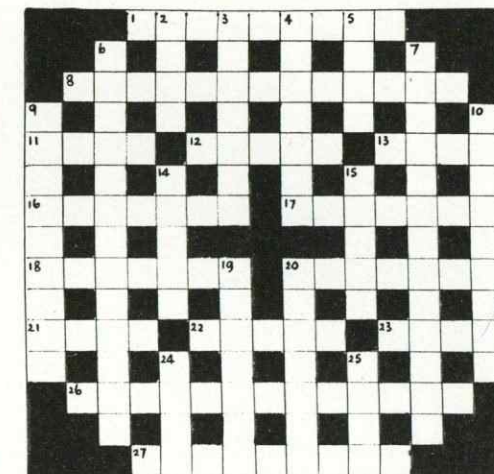
Last season the Gunners lost to
Spurs in the Soccer Six final after a
penalty shoot-out. They won the first
ever Soccer Six trophy in 1985.

Arsenal squad: Wilmot, Thomas,
Caesar, Caton, Reid, Allen, Rix,
Merson, Allinson, Smith.

PUZZLE CORNER

ARSENAL CROSSWORD No. 493

Compiled by John Barrett



ACROSS

1. Was Jackie Milburn's team (9)
8. Joined Sunderland from Southampton (6, 7)
11. Skills in Hearts team (4)
12. Liverpool's Johnston (5)
13. Wound mark (4)
16. Needed to pay players! (7)
17. Beckenbauer and Augenthaler (7)
18. Researches and prepares to pass (5, 2)
20. Gave a penalty or free-kick (7)
21. Points for reporters to get (4)
22. Abnormal (5)
23. Usually has protection (4)
26. Prized journeys (8, 5)
27. Mad master unsettled in Holland (9)

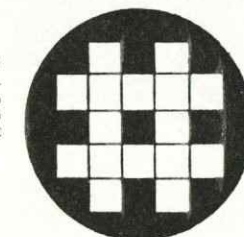
DOWN

2. Able to move about an island (4)
3. Crosses in the middle of towns! (7)
4. Acquired player (7)
5. Mexico venue (4)
6. Used to be the main striker (6, 7)
7. The colours of Newcastle United (5, 3, 5)
9. Team Mark Hughes joined (9)
10. Top clubman (9)
14. This referee can spoil a game (5)
15. Half-time fracture? (5)
19. Recreation chase? (7)
20. Not professional (7)
24. Was a Blackpool and Scotland goalkeeper (4)
25. Atmosphere (4)

ON THE BALL No. 13

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

Garner with Garfunkel?
This Barnes could cop it
League units
He could go Askew



SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD No. 492 IN LAST PROGRAMME

ACROSS: 7. Throstles, 8. Raith, 10. Wanderer, 11. Escape, 12. Area, 13. In the net, 15. Subside, 17. Preston, 20. Entrance, 22. Cool, 25. Forces, 26. Aldridge, 27. Delay, 28. Declining.
DOWN: 1. Cheap, 2. Bolder, 3. Sterland, 4. Geordie, 5. Watchers, 6. Stapleton, 9. Best, 14. Turns over, 16. Strachan, 18. Rochdale, 19. Retaken, 21. Nish, 23. Orient, 24. Agony.
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PERRY GROVES
MARTIN HAYES

LUTON TOWN

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LES SEALEY
ROB JOHNSON
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MAL DONAGHY
TIM BREACKER
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