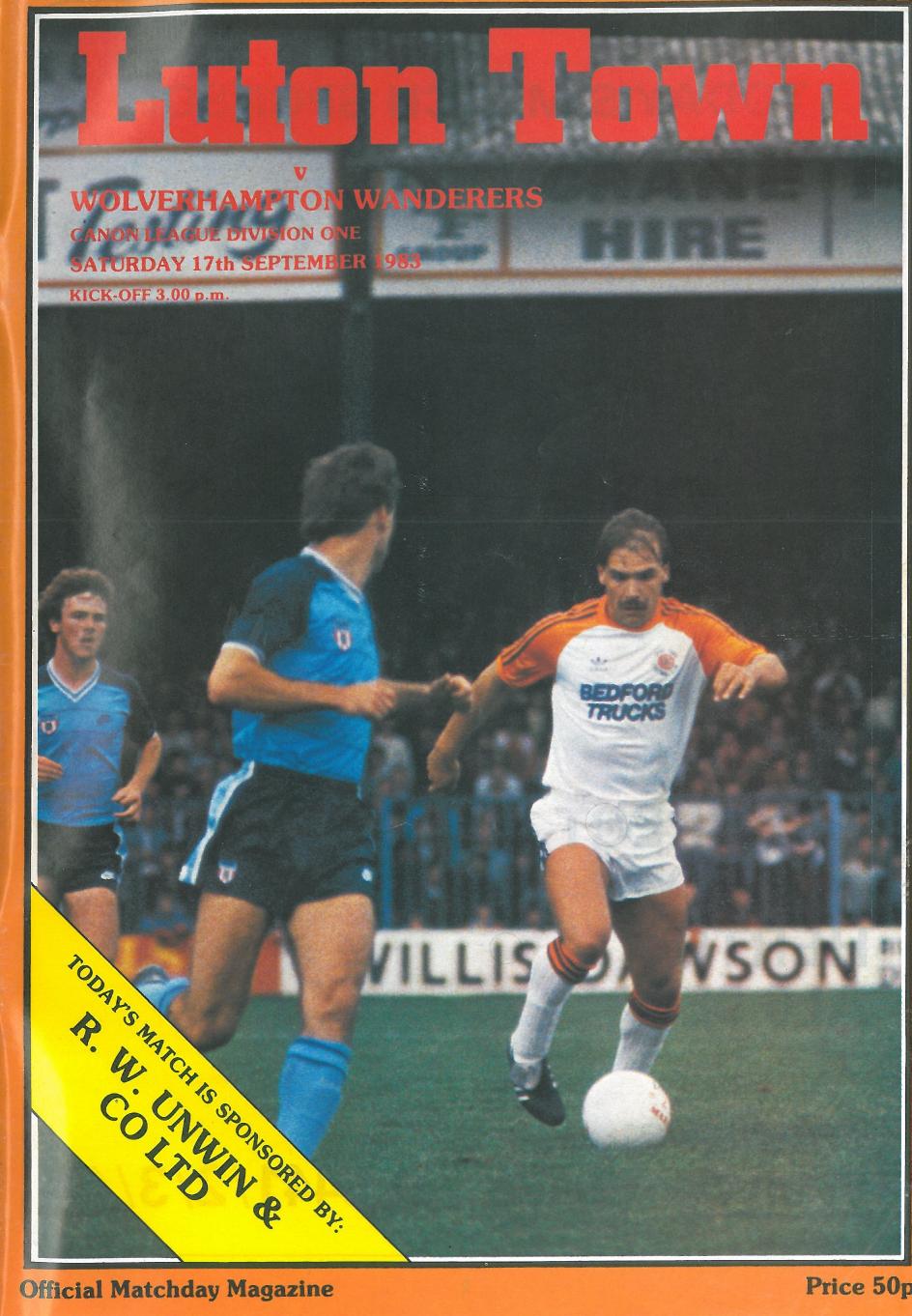
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# YAVIEW

Welcome to Wolves, the players, their manager, Graham Hawkins, his right-hand man Jim Baron and, of course, the most famous chairman of all, Derek Dougan. As an ex-chairman of the FPA, a player and manager of Kettering, Derek has the right background to lead a club. The remarkable upturn in Wolves fortunes last season bears testimony to his abilities — he is a workoholic on behalf of his club.

Our opening games have been full of the right type of football, exciting and fast with goals too. The players have approached their football in the right manner, not being overawed (as could have been the case at Arsenal), moving forward with speed and imagination (as at Leicester and against Sunderland), and keeping the discipline and pattern in difficult circumstances (as against Norwich when two down).

David Coates, Trevor Hartley, John Moore and I have seen almost every side in the First Division play this season. We are of the firm opinion that we can consolidate our newly won First Division status, particularly if we are able to add more competition for places. It would be unfair and unwise to expect to win

trophies with young players getting their first extended run in the team. We have been patient but Clive Goodyaer, Wayne Turner and Frank Bunn have shown that, with commitment, the sense to listen and respond to good coaching at junior level, they can progress to first team football. We have others coming along, too, which shows that a youth policy plus the occasional shread buy has to be the right formula for success.

We have just added a 16-year-old midfield player, Ricky McEvoy, from Dublin, to our apprentice staff. We wish him well, and hope he will progress to an exciting career.



CLIVE GOODYEAR FRANK BUNN



Ray Daniel, our 18-year-old midfield player, is on loan at Gillingham. The experience will benefit him.

loan at Gillingham. The experience will benefit him. Finally, I would like to thank all our supporters for that great support at Arsenal, and Leicester, and during the second half when we came alive against Norwich. At the moment, I know it is tremendously difficult to reconcile yourselves to recent events off the field. However, I can assure you that recent months have been equally traumatic for the Board. Their efforts and questions have been continually delayed, baulked and sidetracked — now we have reached decision time. Noone wants to leave Luton if a solution can be found. Meanwhile, lett be players hear your cheers — they are greatly appreciated! Enjoy the same!

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# WOLVES BELIEVE IN SWIFT ACTION By Tony Pullein

When problems arise, Wolves' new regime believes in finding quick solutions. So, when they collapsed at Norwich a couple of weeks ago, manager Graham Hawkins lined-up a new signing over the weekend - and promised that at least one other new player would be drafted in

Wolves lost 3-0 at Norwich 'But it could easily have heen 6-0' conceded assistant manager Jim Barron 'When we won promotion last season it was largely due to enthusiasm. But some of our senior professionals haven't been giving us full commitment. There will have to be changes

Mr Hawkins negotiated the transfer from Newcastle of Republic of Ireland international Mick Martin, a versatile player who can play in midfield or in the middle of the defence. 'He is not yet fully match fit but he can do a job for us,' explained Mr Hawkins.

'He is due to go to America next April but, if things go well during the next month, while he is on loan, we could complete the full transfer

Farlier Mr Hawkine had failed to clinch the loan of Sheffield United winger Terry Curran but he had another player in mind, 'We must find players who are prepared to fight and do things themselves instead of waiting for things to happen,' said the manager.

### MUCH CHANGED

So the prospects are that we could see a much-changed Wolves side in action at Kenilworth Road this afternoon as they seek to collect their first away points of the

Norwich manager Ken Brown 'blamed' his groundsman for the fact that the Canaries scored only three times against Wolves. After seeing Mike Channon hit the bar twice, Mr Brown smiled: 'I shall have to have a quiet word with our groundsman. He must be putting too much paint on the woodwork."

Southampton's fine start must have surprised even manager Lawrie McMenemy. Rival manager Terry Venables, pleased with his point following OPR's 0-0 draw at the Dell, opined: 'We did well against a team I think will finish in the ton four.

Big Mac laughed when he heard of the comment, 'You know what Terry is,' he twinkled, 'He's always taking the mickey. Top four? No, not really. But I don't think we shall be relegated.

The Saints followed a fine 1-0 win at Nottingham Forest with that goalless home game with OPR and then shackled Charlie Nicholas to record a 1-0 win over Arconal

Former England striker Frank Worthington was unlucky with one dipping shot which grazed the QPR bar but missed two easier chances against Arsenal, 'He'll be all right once he settles down,' said the Southampton boss,

# YOUNG FORWARDS

'He has a brain and he'll be a big asset to us. I didn't buy him to do a lot of running around. We have two young forwards whose job it is to do that."

One of the big successes of Southampton's early games has been Reuben Aghoola who could be in line for England honours soon Playing as a sweeper he is exceedingly fast to fill any gap missed by fellow defenders He's also excellent in the tackle

Southampton play with two central defenders, plus the superior Full-backs Mick Mills and Nick Holmes defend as necessary but their main role is to operate as midfield players immediately the team attacks

Farly results proved the quality of the Saints' new defence in which Ken Armstrong, a summer signing from Kilmarnock has slotted in admirably alongside Mark Wright in the middle.

Some occasional Saints fans actually thought Armstrong was Chris Nicholl, a former Luton player, who has now joined Grimsby as player and assistant manager.

'He does bear a remarkable resemblance to Chris.' agreed Mr McMenemy, 'When I wanted a replacement I went out looking for the ugliest defender I could find,' he added with his usual smile

### DISASTROUS START

Leicester's Irish international central defender John O'Neill has been explaining why his side made such a disastrous start to the season - no goals and three defeats in three matches.

'We are taking time to acclimatise to First Division football after winning promotion last season. When we get the ball we have more time than we realise but we have less time to get organised when the opposition gains possession.

'We seem to have time to play ourselves but once the others get the ball we have been in trouble."

O'Neill is not new to the First Division, of course, for he was already an established Leicester first-teamer when they were a First Division side in 1980-81

The Hatters were one of the sides to exploit Leicester's slowness when we won 3-0 at Filhert Street. This followed their 4-0 home defeat by Notts County on the opening day of the season. They suffered their third set-back when losing at West Brom to an only goal scored in spectacular fashion by left-back Clive Whitehead.

A former winger. Whitehead dribbled past several defenders on the left flank and finished splendidly to give Albion their first win of the season.

### HOPES DASHED

Tottenham's hopes of establishing themselves as Championship contenders have again been severely hit by injuries. Their Argentinian international midfield star, Ossie Ardiles, aggravated a leg injury in a pre-season game and is only now being considered for a first-team recall.

Scottish international striker Alan Brazil, a £500,000 signing from Inswich towards the end of last season, took a knock playing against his former club on the opening day and was out for a couple of weeks. Then Glenn Hoddle suffered vet another leg injury and it wasn't clear how long he would be on the sidelines.

Hoddle, ironically, was injured by one of his own colleagues, 'He was accidentally kicked by Mark Falco,' said manager Keith Burkinshaw, 'I'm sure our luck must soon change and, when we can field a settled side, then the results will come '

It now seems certain that OPR's England 'B' centreback Glen Roeder will be joining a new club. Skipper of their FA Cup Final team two seasons ago, Roeder lost his place last season.

But for the opening match of this season at Manchester United he was not only recalled but also given the captain's job. Although he played well, he was dropped for the next match.

'Terry Fenwick was unavailable for the first game because of suspension,' explained manager Terry Venables, 'Glen was left out for the next match because I prefer to play Fenwick in this position. I expect Glen to be upset about it."

Roeder now feels there is little point in remaining with Rangers. And his desire to move has already been noted by rival clubs.

Rangers' Irish forward Ian Stewart is also looking for a new club in order to keep his place in his national team. He didn't play in any of OPR's early matches.



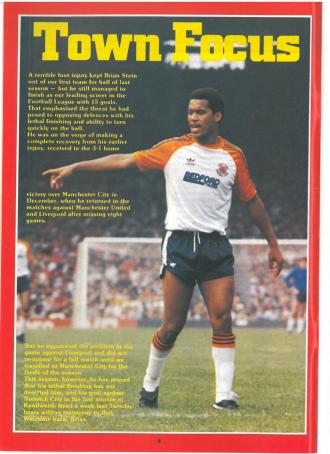
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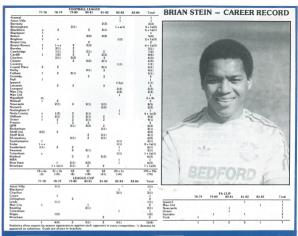


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Our first pre-season friendly did not involve any boys who are already on the staff.

We attempted to balance our team to give us a good competitive game, but it was very difficult because we didn't know the strength of the opposition until the game hegan

It is also a fine judgement because four of our squad were only 14, the majority 15, and one boy of 16. The last thing we wanted was for the game to be too physical and for the younger players to be discouraged from playing football with skill as the priority

On this occasion, it turned out well in our favour. But we would have liked the final score to have been much closer. Sometimes you learn more about your players from a defeat, as you must take into account the standard of the opposition. However, we were pleased with the result and glad to oblige Milton Keynes with a tough game before they embarked on a short tour of Germany.



CAHAL McCONVILLE

ARSENAL YOUTH 2 LUTON YOUTH 2

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It is always a pleasure to take a team to play a friendly at London Colney Arsenal's training ground. The pitches are always in immaculate condition and the lads look forward to playing in a good competitive game on a good pitch.

The game went very well for us in the first-half and Gary Parker showed us why he has been in the first team squad for pre-season friendlies. Some of the play was a delight to watch and it was no surprise, when we built a two-goal lead through McConville and Parker.

It was a good advert for football and was played in the proper spirit, with both teams going all out for goals.

At half-time, Arsenal made a few changes and were able to bring the game more to us, and managed to get a goal from a sloppy bit of defensive play. We had a good few chances to increase our goal tally but failed to score.

Just when we thought we were going to walk off with a deserved victory we conceded a dubious penalty to allow Arsenal to grab a draw which, until then, they never looked like obtaining.

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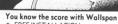




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A defeat at Old Trafford last Saturday did not disgrace us because it was reasonable to assume we could have held on for a draw if United had not been awarded two penalties. United keeper Gary Bailey has Gordon McQueen in support as Paul Elliott moves in for the battle for possession.

Up and down . . . David Moss and Wayne Turner look up for the ball as two United players take a tumble.

More pictures by Gareth Owen on pages 26, 27 and 28.

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# READERS LETTERS

Something to get off your chest? We want to hear from you. Your matchday magazine is the official link between the clubs and its supporters and we want to hear from you.

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Ron Walton, Manager

Dear Sir, every paying soccer supporter has the right to air his feelings at a game. However, I wish the moaners would use a little sense sometimes

Take the case of Wayne Turner. This season, he has quickly established himself as one of the most improved players. But last season, he was the victim of some fans and it eventually affected his game

But Wayne has ignored it all, and the fans who gave him the 'bird' are

now eating their words Name and address received



JAKE FINDLAY Dear Sir, on behalf of the organisers of our recent pram race. I would like to thank the club and players for their support on the day

This was a joint venture between ourselves and the British Heart Foundation and you may be interested to know that the event was a great suc-

I hope Jake Findlay and Wayne Turner had as much fun as we did. Peter Tantum. Dunstable Sports and Social Club FC

Dear Mr Pleat, thank you very much for sending me some Luton Town FC souvenirs and autographs. They are very interesting. I am 14 and want to be a professional player in Mexico. My best wishes. Guillermo Callardo

PO Box 5674 Brownsville, Texas



WAYNE TURNER

Dear Sir. I have been a Luton sunporter for over 20 years and, in my opinion, a move to a plush new stadium can be only for the good of the club. I will still travel to watch the team wherever they play.

R. Porzio, Dunstable

Dear Sir, I have been a supporter for 30 years. My son has followed the club for 20 years. We travel from Hemel Hempstead and want to say the quicker you move from Kenilworth Road, the better. J. Childs. Hemel Hempstead

Dear Sir, I am writing to express my thanks for your hospitality at a recent home game at Kenilworth Road which enabled us to apply for membership of the 92 Club after visiting all Football League grounds.

M. Byatt. Loughton, Essex

# **Competitions**

# AWAYAGAME – AWAYAGAME

Judging by the flood of entries we have received for AWAYAGAME we feel we can confidently say that the Luton crowd contains a large number of soccer experts and we look forward with interest to see how accurate your forecasts work

At this stage it is impossible for us to even think about the AWAYAGAME league tables as at the time of writing these notes the Manchester United game has not even been played, however, we feel a special mention should be made of Mr Graham McAnemey of Bedford and Mr Stephen Murphy of Leighton Buzzard who both forecast a 2-2 draw. The rest of our supporters expect us to return pointless with the most common scoreline being 3-1

To those of you who have already entered we hope you enjoy putting your

skills to the test - we have certainly enjoyed receiving your predictions and read them with interest. In our next programme we will include some of your more interesting predictions.

Anyone still wishing to enter at this stage, please send your entries to: Mike Beevor, AWAYAGAME, Luton Town FC 70-72 Kenilworth Road Luton

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# NAME THE STAR

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Many of our fans will undoubtedly make the trip across town on Monday to watch us tackle Vauxball Motors at the Brache Estate.

The match, which starts at 6.15 pm. has been organised in aid of the Friends of the Hospitals of Luton and Dunstable and the Harpenden National Children's Home

Admission, by ticket, is £1 (children and senior citizens 50p). We think you will agree the match is worth supporting for these two worthy charities.

# HFRE TWO WEEKS TODAY

Our next home game at Kenilworth Road is scheduled for two weeks today when Aston Villa provide the opposition. Tickets are on sale now at the commercial offices.

Next Saturday, we travel to meet Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest. For supporters making their own way by road, the following route - compiled by the RAC - may be useful.

Take the M1 north to intersection 24. Follow signs 'Nottingham A453'. pass Radcliffe Power Station and continue through Clifton.

Follow signs 'Grantham A52' and pass under Clifton Bridge, Turn right along the A52 Nottingham ring road and continue to the junction with the A52 and A6011.

Follow signs 'Nottingham A6011' along Radcliffe Road and cross the River Trent via Lady Bay Bridge, Nottingham Forest's ground is on your

### CENTURY CLUB

It has taken us some weeks to get into the rhythm of one home game followed by an away trip this season. But we have had an interesting start. This afternoon, we welcome Wolves, a name which will bring back nostalgic bouhood memories for some of our members today.

We were happy to welcome our friends from Norwich 101 Club the other evening, and were able to return the hospitality they so warmly accorded us when we visited them last season.

We do hope you are finding our new car park arrangements helpful. Like all innovations, it will take a while for everyone to settle down into their own

snot, but we are sure those who, for various reasons cannot arrive too early, will be most appreciative in finding their parking space ready for them.

For the work of clearing and preparing the car park, we are greatly indebted to Century Club members Stuart Allson and Jim Meade

Please keep to your own individually numbered car park spaces, because the whole scheme stands or falls on every member doing this

# SELLERS WANTED We are looking for girls to sell Golden

Goal tickets on our hehalf on match-Any young lady, who must be over

15, who is interested in helping us should telephone Mrs Cherry Newberry on Luton 33649.

A STRIKING THEME True to form, the Luton strikers have already hit the headlines this season with 10 goals in the first four matches.

But we are sure you have also noticed and enjoyed our other sensational strike force, the Luton Strikers.

The cheer leaders total 25 in all and are under the direction of choreographer, Julia Farestvedt, and sponsored by our vice-president Brian Cole, chairman of Cleandustrial Ser-

The group are, in fact, the brainwave of Brian who wanted to provide us with some more colourful action.

They were formed last May and have been rehearsing at the club on a weekly basis. We are very grateful to Brian and

Julia and the girls for their efforts and are pleased to say that we will be seeing much more of the Strikers in action this season

PEN-PAL WANTED Our pre-season tour to Scandinavia won us many new friends in Sweden and Denmark. One, Peter Buh, has written to us saying he collects anuthing connected with the club.

Peter is looking for a pen-friend in the town and invites someone to write to him at Klarbarsvagen 16, 633 53 Eskilstuna, Sweden.

### REFEREE

David Letts, of Basingstoke, started in New Forest and Bournemouth Leagues in 1965, graduated via Hampshire League and the Football Combination to Football League List, Was linesman at an FA Cup quarter-final match in 1977-78, and the Wales v Northern Ireland Home Championship match in 1980, Married, with two children, he is a police sergeant with the Hampshire Constabulary and in his spare-time enjoys coaching local players. Is also chairman and programme editor of Basingstoke FC, and holder of an FA coaching badge (preliminary).



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# HATTERS WHO'S WHO

The third in a series, written by Tony Pullein, on former Luton Town players. This afternoon we feature HORACE GAGER.

Horace Gager was one of those players who had the misfortune to lose some of the prime years of his career to the war. Despite this he still dominated the League scene for a decade at the end of hostilities, first with Luton and later with Nottingham Forest.

acte with touristant rores; and the condon-born florace was spotted playing for Vaushall Mondon-born florace was potted playing for Vaushall was some processional staff shortly before the outbreak of war. At the condon florace was some made this league debut and played in our opening three games before the season was abandoned upon the declaration of war.

But Horace remained attached to the club throughout those dark years and when League Football resumed properly again in 1946 he had become a dominating centrehalf as they were known in those days.

That is they were known in those days.

Yet, during an era when most players in the number five shirt were no more than crude stoppers, the tall, blond Horace brought a touch of style to the role. He could pick the ball out of the sky with the best but he also had the ability to distribute the ball creatively and it was this quality that put him a cut above many of his contem-

Luton held a mid-table position in the Second Division for the first couple of seasons after the war. But Nottingham Forest began to slide and, in his effort to stop the club sinking into the Third Division for the first time in its history, their manager Billy Walker signed Horace from the Hatters for a substantial fee in February 1948.

### STEADY PARTNERSHII

His presence in the Forest defence did, indeed, help to stave off relegation. And he began to form a steady partnership with the young Jack Burkitt who had been introduced to the side a week before his transfer.

A morale-boosting 3-0 win at Tottenham virtually ended forest's relegation worries for that season. Sadly, it was fate that was to be delayed for only 12 more months. The 1948-49 campaign was a season of disaster for Forest and one of their greatest days came here at

Kenilworth Road!

When a player returns to his old club he always likes to play particularly well to show them what they are missing, smiled Horace wryly in later years. But that game

was a real nightmare for me.
'I even scored a goal . . . for Luton!

'At the end of the day it cost us the game. We lost 4-3.
But I wasn't the only Forest player to score for Luton.
There were two own-goals and that defeat covered the
whole club in gloom.'

Manager Walker called a meeting, stating that he felt it would take the club two years to get back into the Second Division — one season in which to assess the strength of the old Southern Section, from which only one club was promoted, and the second to establish their superiority.

Their first campaign in the lower section developed into a great battle with neighbours Notts County and Honze was engaged in a couple of rousing encounters with their England centre-forward Tommy Lawton. In the end it was County who won promotion, with Forest taking fourth place. Mr Walker's prediction came true the following season, when Forest won the Division title by six clear points from Norwich. Horace played in every match.

He then helped Forest to re-establish themselves in the higher Division and he went on to complete 267 appearances for the club in League and Cup.

pearances for the club in League and Cup. By 1951, though, a youngster by the name of Bobby McKinlay was beginning to earn quite a reputation for himself as a centre-half or wing-half and, when he was ready to take on full responsibility. Horace gracefully slid

out of the limelight.

Horace played his last League game in March 1955.

'I was 38 then and, in spite of the war years, I con-

sidered I had had a very good run. It was time to make way for younger players, he said. Indeed, even with the loss of those war years, Horace still managed to tot up a total of more than 300 games in

# League soccer.

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# John's Journal

JOHN WILKINSON - CLUB SECRETARY

I suppose the game most of our supporters will remember about our visitors today was the one in which Ron Futcher made his home League debut on 28th December 1974, when we won a thrilling game 3-2 when Ron scored a hat-trick.

The two teams were ...LUTON TOWN-Horn, John Byan, Buckley, Anderson, Faulkner, P. Futcher, Jimmy Ryan, Husband, R. Futcher, West, Aston, WOLVES-Parkes, Williams, Parkin, Bailey, Munroe, McAlle, Hibbitt, Powell, Richards, Kindon, Farley. Munroe and Powell scored for Wolves and the attendance was 19.642 for

The last time our two clubs met in a Foot-ball League match at Kenilworth Road was on 5th March 1977 at 200 aprivision game played in front of 1, 200 aprivision game played in front of 1, 200 aprivision Again, we won a very enerthining match. Again, we won a very enerthining match. All the state of the

I suppose one of the best known players to wear a Wolves shirt was Stan Cullis who not only represented his club but the England side of that era as a centre-half for many years. He later went on to manage the club.

He was truly one of the all time great players. I do not think there has ever been anyone to compare with him in the England side even to this present day.



# MEMORY LANE

Jack Taylor, a classy inside-forward, joined Luton Town in February 1949 from Stockton and soon established himself in the League side. Very strong on the ball, he was also a good distributor of it apart from being a dangerous marksman and, in season 1951-52, he scored 24 times jn League and Cup matches. His play earned him a place in the England 'B' team against Holland the same season.

A year later, he was transferred to Wolverhampton Wanderers for a £40,000 fee and gave some good performances before a knee injury forced him to retire from the game.

He returned to live in Luton where he opened a newsagent's business in Beechwood Road. Unfortunately, Jack died suddenly a few years ago but the memory of this skilful player will live in the minds of supporters for a long time.

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Awayday Luton supporters who look for something out of the ordinary will be pleased to hear we have again arranged another breakaway weekend in Southampton for our match there on 25th February.

We organised a successful package trip to Southampton last season when we played at the Dell and it was on the basis of that which prompted our decision to repeat it.

This season, we again give you the opportunity to visit the Saints Supporters Club, provide a seat at the match and provide a matchday magazine

A tour behind the scenes of the Dell is also included in addition to a coach tour of the city's docks and the New Forest. There is also time for sightseeing and shopping.

The price of the package, which includes two nights bed and breakfast in a three-star hotel, coach transport to and from Southampton, is £55 per person.

We are aiming for a family market and, at the price at which it is offered, we feel it is an extremely attractive package.

If last season's trip is any indication, demand is going to be heavy and we advise early booking at our Kenilworth Road commercial offices because a maximum of 35 fans can be accommodated.

We would also remind supporters of the facilities we offer for travelling to other away games.

# Travel... Travel.

Our Travel Club uses only luxury coaches fitted with full air conditioning and fans who have been aboard for trips to Arsenal, Leicester and Manchester United this season have already enjoyed the best in travel.

One of the main benefits of travelling by coach is that we drop you right outside the ground which eliminates the problem of finding somewhere to park your car.

The membership fee for our Travel Club is ony £1 for the entire season and bookings—which must be accompanied by your payment—are accepted up to 24 hours before travelling time.

If it makes sense to you, call at the commercial office in Kenilworth Road now to secure your booking for the trip to Nottingham Forest a week today.

You won't regret it.

## COACH PRICES PER PERSON

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Birmingham City	£3.00	Southampton	£4.00	
Coventry City	£3.00	Stoke City	£4.00	
Everton	£6.00	Sunderland	£7.00	
Ipswich Town	£4.00	Tottenham	£2.50	
Liverpool	£6.00	Watford	£2.00	
Manchester City	£6.00	WBA	£3.50	
Norwich City	£4.00	West Ham United		
Notts County	£4.00	Wolverhampton	£3.50	
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# Souvenirs

How many people realise that Luton Town is now represented world-wide? If that seems strange, we should point out that our large stock of souvenirs, housed in the Kenilworth Road commercial offices, is in steady demand from many countries.

Our trained staff not only deal with dozens of daily enquiries from our supporters living in the area but also from Canada, America, Malta, Australia and some of the Iron Curtain countries

Luton Town FC's mail order service is expanding rapidly and our comprehensive stock changes daily

to give you the widest possible choice of souvenirs.

From experience, we know that many youngsters and adults have enjoyed presents which have originated from our range of souvenirs.

They make an ideal birthday gift or something unusual for a special occasion.

In future matchday magazines, we will provide a full list of all the items available from stock. But if your requirements are urgent, a visit to our commercial offices will give you the opportunity to view what is on offer.

Why not pop in after today's match and view what we have to offer. You will be pleasantly surprised by the wide range — and the prices.

# Lotteries

One would assume that, with well over 2,000 agencies handling eight individual lotteries simultaniously, the need to appeal for even more supporters to come forward to become agents would be quite unnecessary.

The facts are that, although we are well in front of any other lottery organisations in our area, we must maintain our policy of being leaders in the field.

The need for more agents to help us is very apparent because the revenue gained from their efforts gives the life blood to the Hatters. Last year

their efforts yielded £191,000, and we would dearly love to crack £250,000 this year.

Everyone has a share in the operation. The customers buy four million lottery tickets between them! Eight hundred thousand winner customers share £500,000 piraes from 250 to £1,000, or a brand new Vaushail Noval). The agents collectively share £150,000 in commission and prize bonused share £150,000 in commission and prize bonused and we spend £60,000 with our printers who produce the first selection of lottery tickets!

It's a very big operation that we share. At the end of each year, our football club can breathe a little easier after all our efforts.

YOUR involvement is welcome and essential to the well being of our club.

# Today's Match Sponsor

Our game today is sponsored by R. W. Unwin and Co. whom we are delighted to welcome to the stadium this afternoon. Match sponsorship at Luton Town is always something special with companies using the benefits of it to boost their businesses by entertaining clients, customers and employees.

However, R. W. Unwin's chairman, Ron Unwin, is a man who always shares his sponsor days with youngsters who are not normally able to enjoy the VIP treatment sponsors receive.

Ron, a vice-president of the club and his wife, Iris, have supported us over a long period and this is the fourth match the company has sponsored at Kenilworth Road. The children enjoying today's match are from our Junior Hatters Club when, in conjunction with R. W. Unwin and Junior Hatters sponsors, the 'Evening Post', we organised a competition in the newspaper for our junior supporters.

The first 50 correct entries will today enjoy their VIP day which includes a tour of the facilities, exclusive seat in the stand and a chance to meet the players.

We thank Ron Unwin for his support and trust that R. W. Unwin and Co., a private company engaged in the manufacture and distribution of fine pharmaceutical and chemical intermediates on a worldwide basis, will continue to flourish.

# TOUGH START FOR WOLVES

Wolves, back in the First Division after one solitary season in Division Two could scarcely have faced a tougher opening to the new season. Even though they had ground advantage in their first two games, the Molineux club had to face League Champions Liverpool and the Charlie Nicholas inspired Arsenal

They opened in sensational fashion with Geoff Palmer giving them the lead against Livernool in the opening minute from a penalty. Although Ian Rush equalised in the second-half to earn Liverpool a point. Wolves' performances marked a highly satisfactory return to the ton sec-

Wolves took an early lead against Arsenal when Wayne Clarke scored home after only five minutes. But, on that occasion. Arsenal's new Scottish star spoiled the party by scoring twice - but one came from the penalty snot

So, although many managers might have been disappointed with a tally of one point out of six from two home games. Graham Hawkins saw it as a useful start - considering the opposition.

Then Wolves flopped at Norwich, losing 3-0 and playing so badly that manager Graham Hawkins immediately signed Newcastle's Republic of Ireland cap Mick Martin, Mick, who can play in defence or midfield. previously played for Manchester United and WBA.

# TACTICS ALTERED

For their opening game against the Champions, Wolves used a 4-4-2 formation with Mel Eves and Andy Gray as the strikers. This was switched to 4-3-3 for the Arsenal game when Wayne Clarke returned in place of young midfielder Dale Rudge

Eves enjoyed his best season so far, leading the club's scoring list with 19 goals as they stormed to promotion last term. Mel developed in Wolves' Reserve team and won his place in their First Division side in 1977-78. At

the end of that season he was included in the England 'B' team for their tour to the Far East. winning three cans

Grav's performances last season earned him a recall to the Scotland team for the British Championship when he played in all three games. He then went on tour to Canada, scoring both goals in a 2-0 victory in their closing game, Andy now has 19 caps. Whilst with Dundee United, Andy twice topped their scoring list before moving to Aston Villa for £110,000 in 1975. When he moved on to Wolves four years later they paid £1.469 500 for him

Clarke can play in attack or midfield and contributed 12 goals to last season's promotion effort, A former England Youth international. Wayne served his apprenticeship with Wolves and made his League debut in 1978.

Wayne is one of five brothers to play League soccer, following Allan - of Walsall, Fulham. Leicester, Leeds, Barnsley and England - Frank (Shrewsbury, OPR. Ipswich and Carlisle). Derek (Walsall, Wolves, Oxford, Orient and Carlisle) and Kelvin (Walsall).

Rudge, another of Wolves' successful apprentices, was introduced to League football against QPR last December and made eight League appearances last season. Billy Livingstone who made his League debut last season, was recalled to the attack at Norwich.

### FORMER HATTER

Gordon Smith, Peter Daniel, former Hatter Billy Kellock and Tony Towner are the other contenders for midfield places

Smith is a former Scottish Under-23 international who began his League career with St Johnston in 1972-73. Aston Villa signed him for £75,000 in 1976 and he moved on to Spurs three vears later for £150,000. He joined Wolves in 1982 on a free

Daniel was a full-back in his Hull City days but has been used almost exclusively in midfield since his £150,000 transfer to Wolves in 1978.

Kellock's chequered career began with Aston Villa as an amateur. But he made his League debut for Cardiff in 1971-72 and commanded a £25,000 fee when moving on to Norwich in 1973. The Canaries allowed him to join Millwall on a free transfer a year later and he then drifted into non-League football for four years serving Chelmsford and Kettering.

Peterborough gave him a League come-back when they signed him for £33 000 in 1979 and Billy responded by topping their scoring list with 23 in his first season. Plenty more goals followed before he came to Kenilworth Road during the 1982 close season. But he scored in only seven outings in our First Division side before joining Wolves in a £20,000 deal shortly before last season's transfer deadline

## £100,000 SIGNING

Towner joined Wolves from Rotherham for £100,000 this summer and spent his first two games in the substitute's shirt Tony hegan his career with Brighton, making around 160 League appearances before a £65.000 transfer took him to Millwall in 1978. Rotherham signed him for £90,000 in 1980.

The back four could comprise of John Humphrey, John Pender, Alan Dodd and Geoff Palmer. Humphrey and Pender both completed apprenticeships at Molineux. Humphrey got his chance in their League XI in 1979-80 whilst Pender, an England Youth international. made his bow two seasons ago.

Dodd was signed from Stoke for £40,000 during the early weeks of last season. He made more than 350 League appearances for the Potters and won six England Under-23 cans

Palmer is a one-club man who was capped twice at Under-23 level by England. He took his place in Wolves' senior side in 1973 and now looks back on some 400 first-team games.

Goalkeeper John Burridge was

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signed from OPR for £75 000 at the beginning of last season. A player of considerable evperience, John began his League career with Workington in 1969. Blacknool signed him for £10,000 two years later but collected £100,000 when he moved on to Aston Villa in 1975

After a short loan snell with Southend John was transferred to Crustal Palace for £50,000 in 1978 and QPR invested £250,000 when they signed him in 1981

# DEFIED THE ODDS

Wolves really defied all the odds by regaining their First Division place at the first attempt, Indeed, it is something of a miracle that this famous club exists at all after the traumatic events of the summer of 1982

Over the years Wolverhamp-

epic victories at home and abroad, turning in hundreds of pulsating performances that remain vivid in our memories today in spite of the passing years But, in many senses, the hattle they won last summer - without a ball or a famous gold shirt in sight - was their most important victory of all.

It was a battle they seemed certain to lose. Wolves were in the hands of a receiver and bulldozers were ready to demolish the famous Molineux stadium to make way for a property development

Relegated from the First Division at the end of the previous season. Wolves were so enormously in debt that no one seem. ed interested in taking over the commitment. Eventually it was Derek Dougan, the club's former striker, who managed to round

vide the necessary cash.

There were only three minutes to go before the deadline set un by the Football League for the club to give cast-iron evidence of its viability when Mr Dougan was able to announce that his syndicate had saved the club from extinction

Mr Dougan became chairman and chief executive of the new company which now controls the club. And he quickly made sweeping changes, all in the cause of economy

Graham Hawkins. Shrewsbury's assistant manager was invited to take over as team manager and he obviously relished the challenge of trying to revive the club where he started his playing career. He certainly got off to a fine start

By TONY PULLEIN



WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS FC (1982) LTD

Back row (left to right): Peter Daniel, Alan Dodd, John Humphrey, Paul Bradshaw, John Burridge, John Pender, Hugh Atkinson, Mike Bennett Centre row: Dale Rudge, Tony Towner, Mel Eves, Billy Kellock, Andy Gray, Kenny Hibbitt, Wayne Clarke, Mick Matthews. Front row: Graham Hawkins (Manager), Bob Coy, Paul Butler, Geoff Palmer, Ian Cartwright, Billy Livingstone, Gordon Smith, Jim Barron (Assistant Manager)



MANCHESTER UNITED 2 LUTON TOWN 0 More action from our game at Manchester United last Saturday. Paul Walsh and Brian Stein place United keeper Gary Bailey under pressure. Frank Bunn and Paul Walsh move forward in an attempt to score watched by Bryan Robson (No. 7) and Gordon McQueen. Pictures: Gareth Owen



# **LUTON'S FUTURE**

Starting this afternoon, we intend to provide supporters with as much information as possible relating to our new stadium complex.

This feature gives details of what the complex, described as the most modern in Western Europe, has to offer in terms of leisure and recreation

spectator events and participation facilities, in that it capitalises on the magnetic drawing power of a fully covered, full size arena to combine with a wide range of sports and leisure pursuits.

The main arena is, in concept, an exceptionally comfortable and friendly place where families can watch all sports events, including soccervisit major exhibitions and shows regardless of the outside weather, in a comfortable climate for most days and nights of the year.

The layout of the all-seater arena is spacious setting a new standard in facilities, and accommodating an international size soccer pitch.

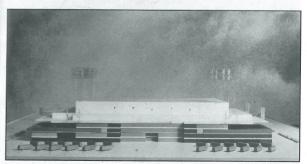
Refreshments, bars, catering facilities and toilets are provided to a high standard and private boxes with individual catering altogether a civilised arena for use well into the 21st century.

The arena will be a home for ton League soccer, housing Luton Town Football Club, with its soccer staff, training and club facilities, electronic scorehoards, ample press and TV facilities and VIP hoves

The participation facilities are incorporated to capitalise on, and generally create a community The arena complex is a unique combination of based complex. Essentially the plan is based on a ring of sports and leisure pursuits around the generous main concourse with additional emphasis on an entry atrium/fover which is placed next to an ice rink and other leisure attractions which could include a winter wonderland of tobbogan ride and ice climbing walls.

This atrium/fover is placed between the ice rink and a full sized multi-purpose hall for exhibitions, sports and banquets.

Multi-levels within the fover, reaching up by escalator to concourse level, all have a somewhat 'showbiz' atmosphere of special events - for example karate demonstration, snooker, competitions, sports exhibitions, celebrity media interviewers, autograph signers and a front for the football club, as well as all the sports and leisure activities in the arena complex as a whole

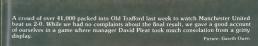


A view of the main soccer and arena entrance

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Many supporters have welcomed the occasional publication in the matchday magazine of pieces of nostalgia which rekindle memories of games between us and today's opponents.

Finlayson

Speciators are asked NOT TO CROSS THE PLAYING FIELD after the match

Stuart

Names in these two teams will bring back memories for some of our older fans. The game was played in front of 20,648 supporters although, on this occasion, Wolves won 1-0. We hope that trend isn't continued today.





Kick - off 2.15 p.m.

# FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1983-84

15 Birmingham City

6 Bristol Rovers

Nov. 23 Oxford United

Nov. 26 Swindon Town

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Sept. 3 Wimbledon

Sept. 9 Southend

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Oct. 15 Oxford United

Oct. 29 Oxford United

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Dec. 17 Bristol Rovers

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Feb. 11 West Ham United

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Dec 3 Brentford

Feb. 18 Tottenham

Mar. 10 Wimbledon

April 28 Brentford

Mar. 24 Swindon Town

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		Swansea City	-	29,522	22,933	Aston Villa
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Oct.	11	Norwich City		13,728	12,830	Birmingham City
Oct.	18	Crystal Palace		11,031	10,027	Notts County
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# TOWNS GOALSCORERS IN OUR LAST HOME MATCH

AGAINST NORWICH CITY

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ATTENDANCES AND DIVISION ONE TABLE 1983-84





Un to and including Saturday 10th September 1983

BRIAN STEIN

PAUL FLLIOTT

# **MATCHDAY TICKETS**

STAND TICKETS FOR OUR HOME DIVISION ONE GAMES ARE AVAILABLE TWO WEEKS BEFORE MATCHES ARE PLAYED TICKETS FOR THE GAME AGAINST ASTON VILLA ON 1st OCTOBER ARE ON SALE TODAY IN THE KENILWORTH ROAD COMMERCIAL OFFICES TODAY.

# **SCORECHECK**

# DIVISION ONE

Birmingham v lpswich
Coventry v Leicester
Liverpool v Aston Villa
Norwich v Nottingham Forest

Notts County v Arsenal OPR v Sunderland Southampton v Man United

Stoke v Watford Tottenham v Everton

WBA v West Ham

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Two teams from Luton are currently making a name for themselves.
'The Hatters' are in the first division. And Vauxhall-Opel are enjoying fantastic sales success.
Achievements in different fields, but

for the same reasons.
A consistently high all-round performance and magnificent team effort.

Facts confirmed by checking out today's line-up, and by a visit to your local Vauxhall-Opel dealer.

With stars like the Cavalier, the coming season promises to be even better for us.

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