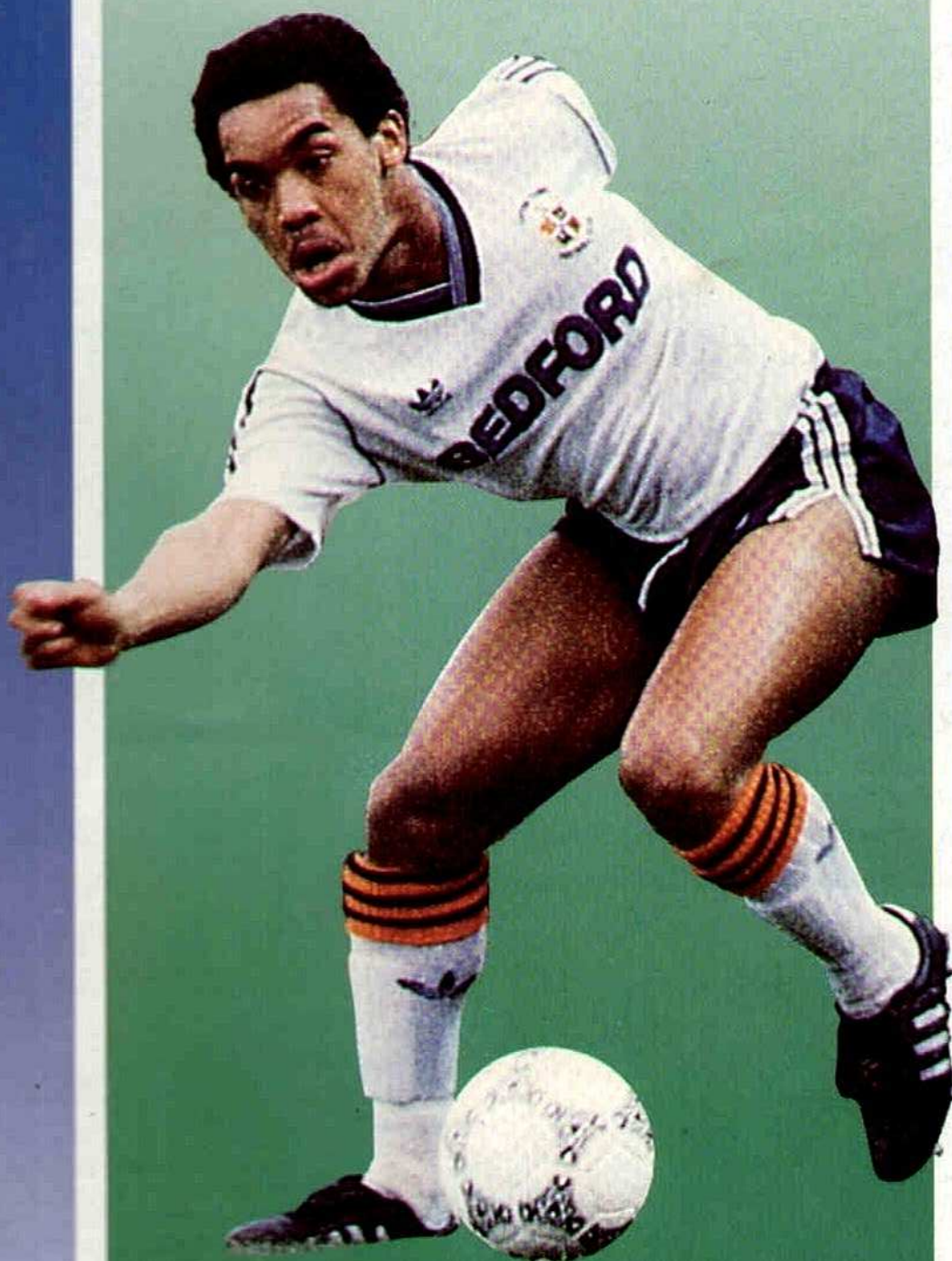


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STOKE OUTPLAYED IN SIMOD CUP



- **Mick the menace:** Captain-for-the-night Mick Harford heads his first goal and the Town's second in last week's 4-1 win over Stoke.

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RAY'S REVIEW



Welcome to Swindon Town. I expect them to provide formidable opposition in tonight's Simod Cup semi-final. They are a hard-working and enthusiastic team with a very good goalscoring record. A high-scoring match could be in prospect as both sides fight for a place in the final at Wembley later this month. We have not lost our appetite for success just because we have clinched one cup final appearance and the lads have been proving this with their tremendous attitude in the last few weeks. Tonight, remarkably, we will be playing our 14th cup-tie of the season.

Composed youngsters

Last week, we included several younger players in our side against Stoke City in the quarter-finals of this competition. Marvin Johnson, Richard Harvey and Kingsley Black, who played as a unit on the left side of the team, all did well. So, too, did David Oldfield when he came on as a substitute for Mick Harford, whose goals immediately after the interval effectively killed off the tie. The team kept its pattern well too, despite an enforced reshuffle after our memorable victory against Oxford.

I hope we were able to return from Wimbledon with a good result last Saturday and without any further injuries. Thankyou for your support in all the recent matches. The atmosphere during our semi-final was terrific. Enjoy the match and keep giving the team your full support.

Ray Harford.

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Mailbag

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

Congratulations lads!

Dear Sir,
I am writing to congratulate the lads on reaching Wembley.

I'm one of the disabled fans. This is my 50th season. I did ask one favour, I would like to be pushed out at the last home game of the season.

I am very grateful for what the club has done for me.

Mr K Taylor

2 Conway Crescent
Bedford.

Praise for Hatters from disabled fans

Dear Sir,
On Saturday, February 20th, a small party of disabled supporters of the "Hatters" travelled to QPR to see their team in the FA Cup.

On arriving at the ground they went to collect the tickets for their escorts, these having been paid for in advance. As we had been promised, they were ready for collection. It

was then that the trouble started. When we got to the gate where we were to go in we were told by a steward that they hadn't got any separate enclosure for the disabled supporter, and we would have to get out of our wheelchairs.

Well after a lengthy discussion with officials, it became only too clear that the only way we were going to see the match was to do as they insisted. After showing our escorts where they had to put us, we were let in. We then had to be lifted out of our wheelchairs over a three-foot wall into a seat to watch the match. This was to become a very uncomfortable 100 minutes. But then we're "Hatters" supporters! It's no wonder QPR don't have any disabled fans!

What I'm saying is that any disabled supporter who has been to QPR will never complain about Luton Town's facilities for the disabled supporter.

Yours sincerely

Larry York

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JUST FANTASTIC! HERE WE GO



•**That Wembley feeling:** the scenes after our Littlewoods Cup win over Oxford. More pictures pages 14 and 15.



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CHIT CHAT



All mad as Hatters!

What have Andrew Cornelius, Industrial Correspondent on the Guardian, Graham Miller of Thames TV, and Nick Owen of Sporting Triangles got in common? All of them are Luton Town supporters and, befitting the friendly family nature of our Club, there are indirect connections between them. I knew both Andy and Graham at Luton VI Form College, and Graham met Nick whilst working in Birmingham. Small world isn't it? Co-incidences go even further. Nick first saw Luton play in 1957 against Leeds then first left the area to live in Leeds where he studied classics at the University.

One of Graham's jobs whilst working for local radio in Birmingham was to report on the West Brom. v Luton match in 1974. The draw ensured Luton's promotion to Division 1. Graham failed to remain impartial! His partiality for Luton began in the 1960s and he claims he and his school friends were the original Oak Road Choir.

Andy's youthful memories are of "testing" his front lawn to see if the Kenilworth Road pitch would be playable, and collecting autographs from players like Alan Slough, Bruce Rioch, Ray Whittaker (I thought my

girlfriend at school was the only fan he had), and Freddy Jardine. Andy modelled his football on Jardine's, which is probably why he became a journalist.

Unlike Graham and Nick, Andy doesn't like reporting on Luton's match but prefers just to watch. Nick now takes his children with him – even the year old baby has been – and thus is actively supporting the family image. Each has his own favourite players and matches, though both Nick and Andy mentioned a game at Hillsborough in 1970 when we beat Sheffield Wednesday 5-1, as being particularly memorable. Nick also recalled the 4-4 draw at Stoke as exciting.

They've each supported Luton through the bad times as well as the good, including the season we narrowly avoided seeking re-election. As Graham put it, "Those of us who've supported in the bad times are the real fans." Although I wonder what's happened to those fans now – our gates were bigger then!

Gale Waller

*Anyone wanting to contribute to Chit-Chat, please write to:
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Luton News

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UNBEATEN RUN ENDS

Arsenal 2 Luton Town 1

A nine-match unbeaten run came to an end when the Town lost at Highbury on February 13. It was our first defeat in 1988.

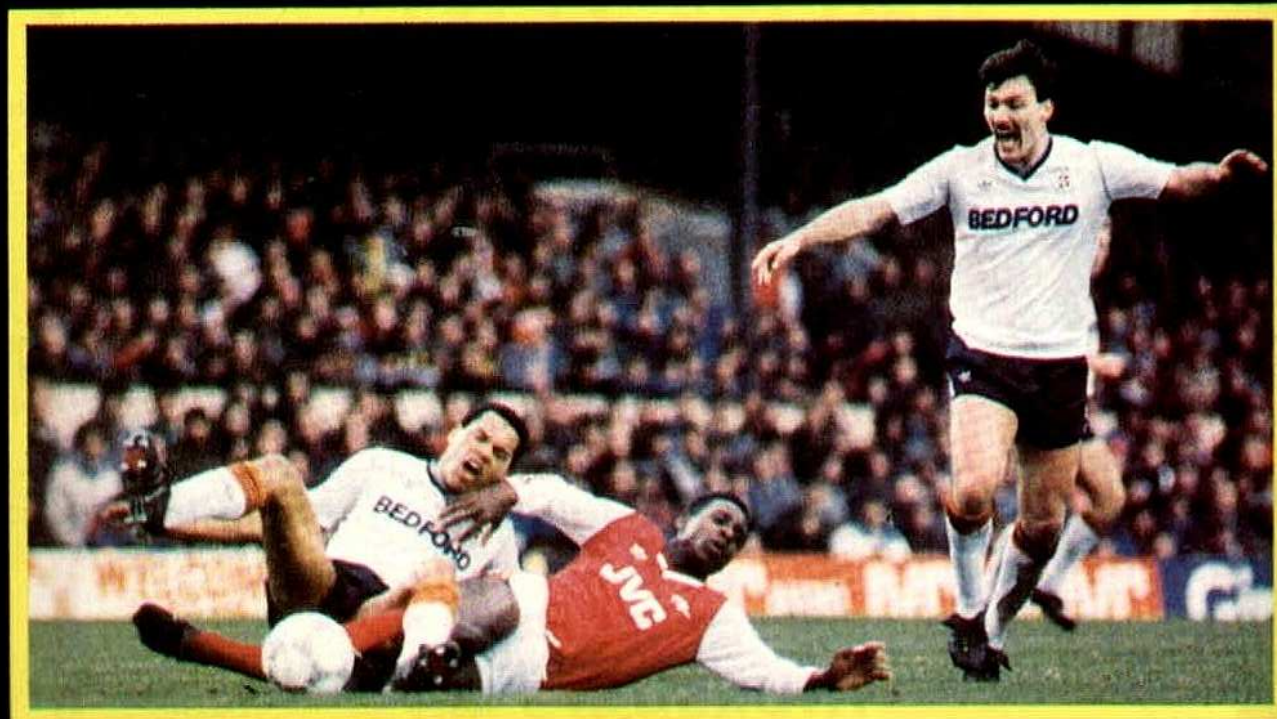
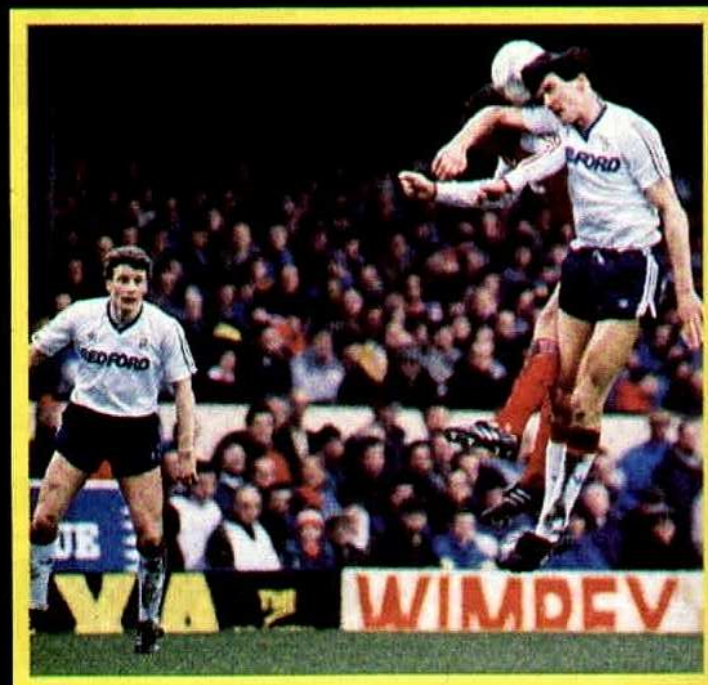
On a bitterly cold day and with a high wind blowing, Arsenal took control of the match with two quick goals in the first-half from Michael Thomas and David Rocastle.

Mark Stein replied for the Town in the last minute after a much better second-half showing by the Hatters. Mick Harford, selected for the England squad the previous day, had one chance but was not able to get his name on the scoresheet.

Afterwards, Town boss Ray Harford said: "It was a bit of a shame the wind spoiled the game. I thought we did quite well in the second-half once we got going, but we did not score early enough to get back in the game."

Town Team: – Sealey, Breacker, Grimes, McDonough, Foster, Donaghy, D. Wilson, B. Stein, Harford, M. Stein, Allinson.

1st Team ACTION





• League action flashback: Gunners 2 Hatters 1 at Highbury, February 13. Mick Harford and Brian Stein, supported by Ian Allinson try to find a way through the Arsenal rearguard. Mark Stein grabbed the Town's goal in the closing minutes. Pictures by Josh Levy of Apex Photography.

FOOTBALL FOCUS

Les Sealey



Our Littlewoods Cup semi-final triumph over Oxford United brought great pleasure to everyone at the club, but none could have enjoyed the feeling more than our goalkeeper Les Sealey. In tonight's Football Focus, he expresses his feelings on clinching the first Wembley appearance of his career:

My first appearance at Wembley

"I have been to Wembley three times so far – as a spectator so it is going to be a very special day for me. There is no doubt it is the highlight of my career and it is a great feeling. The spirit is fantastic right through the club. We have a terrific dressing room and I am sure that is the chief reason for our great season.

"When I first came to the club, we used to leak a few goals at the back, but now it is completely different. The team has got better and better. This is a much better side, much more matured, than the one which reached the FA Cup semi-final in 1985. All I have to do most of the time is try and keep concentrating and enjoy it!

"We have a really good feeling that we can win every game now and the young boys who have come in and out of the side have done brilliantly. We had terrific celebrations after the Oxford match, but I had better not go into all that in too much detail. One of the big things has been the professionalism of the lads. We all try to aim to win the next match and prepare for it properly each time.

"When I am asked about different clubs and about Luton Town, I can say with pride that it is a big club with big thinking now. We are much bigger and better than some people think and it is a tremendous feeling to be part of it."



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Ticket office hours: Thurs 3, Fri 4 and Mon 7: 9am-7.30pm; Sat 5, Sun 6: 9am-4pm; Tues 8-Fri 11: 9am-5.30pm.

No tickets will be available on match day.

LITTLEWOODS CUP FINAL

Luton Town v Arsenal
Saturday, April 24, 1988

All club members and season ticket holders are guaranteed a ticket for this match at Wembley Stadium. For full details of ticket arrangements, please turn to Box Office Information on page 25.

TONIGHT'S SEMI-FINAL

If tonight's semi-final is level at the end of normal time (90 minutes), it will go to extra-time (30 minutes). If the scores are still level at the end of extra time, then the result will be decided by a penalty shootout.

The winners will earn a place in the final of the Simod Cup to be played at Wembley on March 27. Second Division Reading have already sealed their place in the final after beating First Division Coventry City on penalties following a 1-1 draw in the other semi-final played last Wednesday at Reading.

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 Wednesday, March 16, 1988
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 Kick-off 2.00 pm.

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A primary school headmaster, Ffrangcon is married with two boys. He began refereeing in 1970 and progressed through the Welsh League and Cheshire League. He enjoys keeping fit, squash, golf and wine-making. He is a member of the FIFA panel.

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HEY TARZAN



•That winning feeling: Darron McDonough celebrates after we clinched our place at Wembley.

There is nowhere else to start tonight but with a word of thanks to everyone involved in the wonderful day we all enjoyed on February 28 when we clinched our place at Wembley with that victory over Oxford. Our stewards – and those who came from Oxford – were magnificent and we had quite superb cooperation when the players made their appearance in the directors' box.

It was a memorable day for everyone, of course, but especially for the players whose professionalism not only on the pitch, but off it, has been impressive all season. Their willingness to join the fans in a great feeling of club spirit was appreciated all around the ground.

Sporting fans

The atmosphere at our Simod Cup tie against Stoke City last week may have been different, but was no less good humoured. The visiting supporters were, again, very well behaved and sporting to the end.

Now our minds are, of course, looking to Wembley and we are busy behind the scenes with all the arrangements for our first cup final appearance for 29 years. There are a host of events to think of – and they all are part of the great pleasure of my duties as general secretary. Our ticket office has been inundated as

we all have of course, but we shall ensure all our genuine fans, our members, are guaranteed a ticket.

Members will be our priority and season ticket holders will be looked after particularly – please turn to our Box Office Information, page 28, for details. One of the chief benefits of our membership scheme is that we shall be able to work from a list of our genuine supporters from the start.

Pressure

As you would expect, I have had a pile of letters arriving on my desk each day – some from people saying they have been regulars in the Bobbers Stand for 14 years or more.

They may not have seen our executive boxes! This sort of pressure and extra demand is all part of being successful and we have to accept it as part of our business. But I thank all our members for their support to date and their cooperation in our ticket arrangements.

The spirit of the club has been fantastic and the ticket office staff have been tremendous, working long hours and with great patience. In a way, Mick Harford's decision to sign a new contract and stay with the Town was a perfect example of the spirit which has carried us through to one final at least!

ASHLEY RE-LIVES MOMENT OF GLORY

•Wembley-bound: Ashley Grimes brilliant free-kick sealed our win over Oxford. He is pictured being interviewed afterwards by Anglia TVs Gerry Harrison in the dressing room.





•**Bubbling over:** David Oldfield and Danny Wilson start the celebrations after the Oxford triumph.



•**Live on Soccer Line:** Brian Swain of the Luton News interviews our manager Ray Harford after the semi-final win.



•**Ball sponsors:** Peter and Caroline Doyle receive the match ball against Stoke from Mr Consistency Tim Breacker.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY



STEVE FOSTER

Yes, it hurt!

Hello everyone. Yes it hurt. Yes, I did have double vision. And, yes, I am feeling much better. When you win a place at Wembley, any pain is bearable.

The celebrations must have helped and I am on the mend now – it was a depressed fractured cheekbone – and concentrating on all our other very important league and cup games.

Big effort

Our success has been due to a great team effort by everyone in the squad. For the senior players, it is just reward for all the work they have put into their careers.

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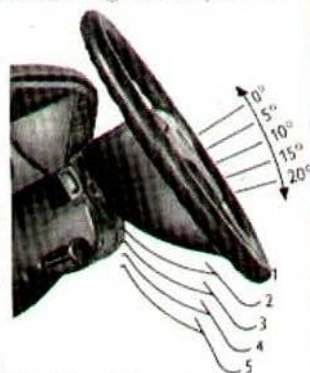
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- **Defensive anchors: Rob Johnson and Darron McDonough in action against Oxford United in our recent league clash.**



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DAVID OLDFIELD



● **Striking hard:** David Oldfield shows his power during our 4-1 Simod Cup win over Stoke.

Striker with a big future



● **In reserve:** David Oldfield.

Born in Perth, Australia, David made a spectacular entrance to the first team scene a few weeks ago when he scored both the Town's goals in our 2-1 win at Everton in the Simod Cup third round tie. Earlier in the season, he had made his senior debut when he came on as a substitute during our 1-0 win at Ipswich in the Littlewoods Cup.

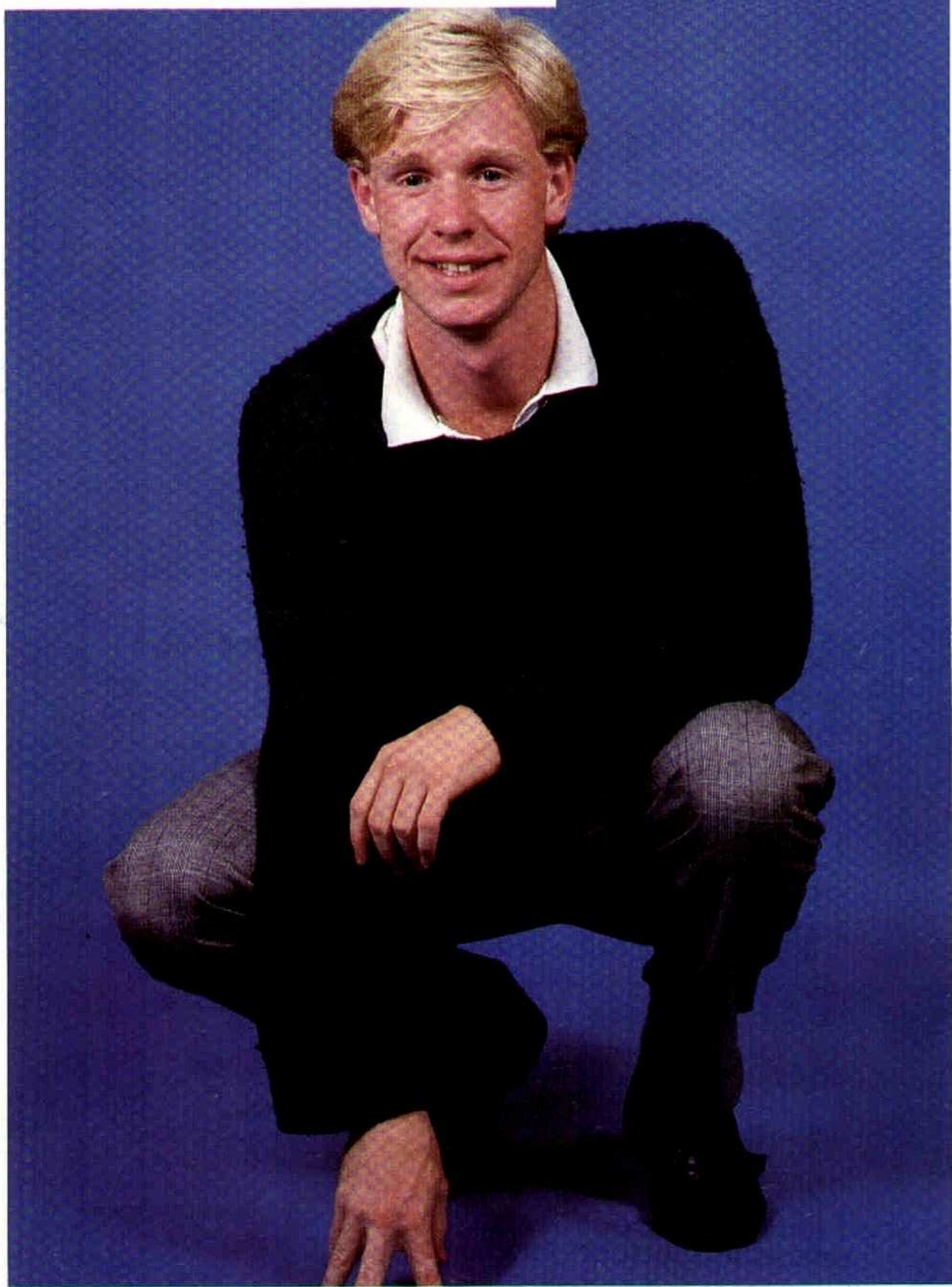
Tall and quick, David is a promising young striker with a good scoring record. He showed home fans his skills when he deputised for Mick Harford after coming on as the England striker's substitute in our Simod Cup win over Stoke last week.

David is enthusiastic and versatile and loves his football. He lives near Newport Pagnell and says he has been kicking footballs all his life. He was a midfield player as a youngster but was converted into a striker by the Town.

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with Mal Donaghy

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A great feeling

"I remember the feeling we had at Villa Park in 1985 when we lost to Everton and I suppose that was in the back of my mind when we played Oxford here. It makes you want to ensure you don't get caught out again. It is a very satisfying feeling in clinching a place at Wembley, but we want to make sure we can do our best in the final and try to win that too.

"The feeling I had after that Oxford win took me back to the night we clinched promotion to the First Division in 1982. The fans were all on the pitch and we went in the directors' box then... It is a great feeling and when you think of the progress we have made, it is quite a fantastic achievement really.

"But we have to remain professional and treat the next game as the most important all the time. We shall not let thoughts of Wembley effect us until after we have been there and got something to talk about. We can win the trophy. That is for certain. We have got the flair players for the big occasion.

"Brian Stein has been going through a very hot spell recently and has a knack of producing match-winning moments and goals. In fact, we have got two or three lads for the big occasion. Mick Harford and Mark Stein produce the vital touch, beat players, score goals and turn a game. It could all hinge on how they play on the day.

Right decision

"I have been and played at Wembley a few times so it will not be a new experience to me - and several of the lads have been there to play before as well. Steve Foster



● **Wembley-bound:** Mal Donaghy.

has played there a few times for England as well as Brighton and Ashley went there with Manchester United for an FA Cup final.

"Looking back a year or two, I can now say I think I was absolutely right to commit my future to the Town when I did. I was 29 then and it was a very important decision for me. If you play for a big club there is always an expectation that you should be winning things, but if you are playing for a club like ours the pleasure is fantastic.

"We had a good celebration after the Oxford match that Sunday. I went with a group of the lads for a Chinese meal and a few drinks and then off home to bed... by taxi, of course. It was a great night for everyone - but now we have to get on with all our other games and keep on doing the business."

TALK



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John Smith, Chief Executive

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Tonight we play in our second semi-final in the space of ten days when we meet Swindon Town in the Simod Cup. It is a remarkable achievement by our players, but also proves the value of our entry into the tournament. Last season, we did not enter the competition, when it was known as the Full Members' Cup, fearing, like many other clubs, the fixture congestion it might bring. We are pleased to be suffering just that this season!

The clubs and just as notably the towns of the winners of this tournament in the last few years have all benefitted from their successes. Blackburn Rovers, for example, won the trophy last season and interest in the club was considerably regenerated, resulting this season, I think, in the much higher profile and greater level of league success they have enjoyed.

A Wembley cup final appearance is always going to be a great attraction and the fact that the Full Members' Club offers this and has the support of a major sponsor in the Italian sports shoe company Simod has helped make the tournament an increasingly

successful part of our winter calendar.

It was very noticeable and extremely pleasing to enjoy the very friendly atmosphere inside Kenilworth Road last Tuesday at the quarter-final tie with Stoke City. The behaviour and good spirits of the visiting supporters were a real reminder of how much good-natured humour there still is in the game.

Our own cup runs have certainly added an enormous amount of interest to our own season and make me feel we were right not only to enter the tournament but to approach it in a proper and competitive manner. Our victory at Everton was a very rewarding success and something of a landmark in both club's seasons.

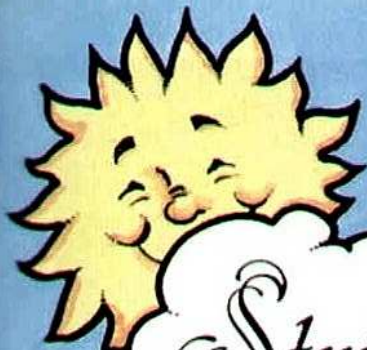
Since that win, of course, we have gone on to enhance our interest in all the cup competitions while the Merseyside club have been eliminated and are now left with only first division fixtures to fulfill this season. This helps to show the value of all the cup competitions.



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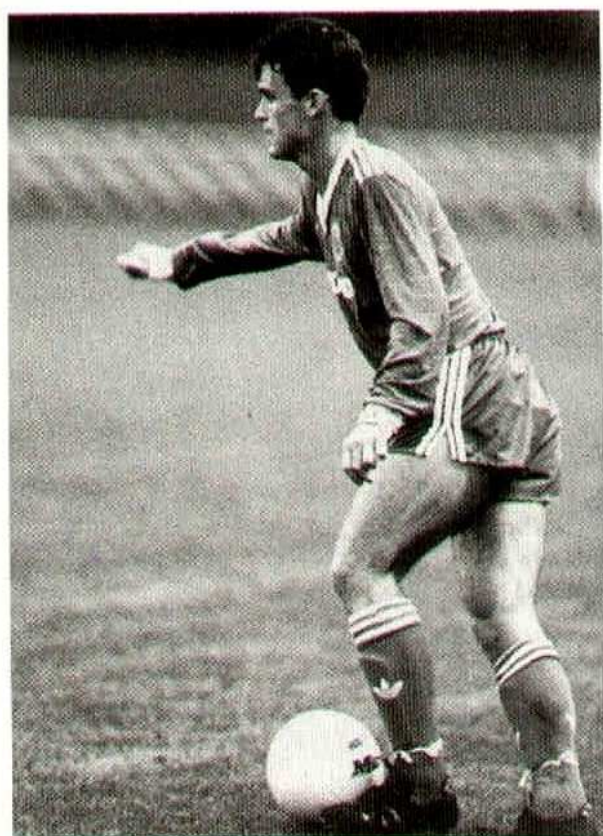
•Colin Barker: Steady defender.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION 1987/88

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	22	15	3	4	51	25	33
Watford	19	15	1	3	44	14	31
Queens Park Rangers	23	13	4	6	48	28	30
Luton Town	24	12	6	6	51	40	30
Arsenal	22	13	3	6	51	21	29
Norwich City	20	11	6	3	43	23	28
Southampton	25	10	8	7	50	34	28
Ipswich Town	22	10	7	5	45	31	27
Portsmouth	20	10	4	6	39	37	24
Chelsea	22	9	4	9	39	35	22
Millwall	22	7	6	9	34	29	20
West Ham United	20	8	4	8	35	32	20
Swindon Town	22	8	3	11	36	50	19
Charlton Athletic	21	6	5	10	25	37	17
Oxford United	23	7	2	14	45	64	16
Fulham	22	5	5	12	31	62	15
Brighton & Hove Albion	20	5	3	12	20	49	13
Reading	21	4	2	15	32	55	10
Crystal Palace	20	4	2	14	14	45	10
Bristol Rovers	20	3	2	15	30	55	8

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION 1987/88

Date 1987	Opponents	Result	Date 1988	Opponents	Result
Aug 22	Reading	3-1	Jan 11	Reading	3-2
Aug 29	Ipswich Town	3-2	Jan 13	Ipswich Town	1-4
Sept 5	Charlton Ath	2-0	Jan 19	Charlton Ath	2-2
Sept 9	Oxford	4-3	Jan 23	Swindon	1-0
Sept 12	Arsenal	1-1	Jan 25	Oxford	5-2
Sept 19	West Ham	1-0	Feb 6	West Ham	1-0
Sept 26	Chelsea	0-2	Feb 13	Arsenal	2-2
Sept 29	QPR	0-4	Feb 16	Chelsea	1-2
Oct 13	Bristol R	7-0	Feb 27	Tottenham	0-3
Oct 20	Fulham	3-3	Mar 1	Bristol R	2-2
Nov 4	Millwall	3-2	Mar 5	Portsmouth	
Nov 14	Tottenham	0-1	Mar 16	Fulham	
Nov 20	Norwich City	1-3	Mar 19	Swindon	
Nov 28	Crystal Palace	5-0	Apr 2	Millwall	
Dec 5	Watford	1-4	Apr 9	Norwich City	
Dec 12	Southampton	1-1	Apr 13	Crystal Palace	
Dec 16	Brighton	1-1	Apr 23	Southampton	
			Apr 30	Watford	
			May 7	Brighton	



•Aaron Tighe: Threatening forward.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 1987/88

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	17	15	1	1	77	14	31
Tottenham Hotspur	20	13	2	5	37	24	28
Northampton Town	18	11	3	4	62	31	25
Wimbledon	18	10	5	3	42	19	25
Swindon Town	21	9	3	9	52	42	21
Brentford	21	8	5	8	40	48	21
Oxford United	19	9	2	8	42	35	20
Crystal Palace	21	7	4	10	37	46	18
Luton Town	17	7	3	7	33	29	17
Colchester United	20	5	6	9	36	52	16
Bristol City	18	7	2	9	30	58	16
A.F.C. Bournemouth	23	4	7	12	35	60	15
Reading	20	5	5	10	24	52	15
Bristol Rovers	19	3	7	9	21	35	13
Brighton & Hove Albion	20	4	3	13	31	54	11

COACHES' CORNER



YOUNGSTERS SUCCESS RUBS OFF ON EVERYONE

The success of our young reserves who have broken into the first team in recent weeks during our great cup runs has rubbed off on everyone. And last week, on the day the first team met Stoke City in the Simod Cup, the youngsters who played for the reserves did commendably well in securing a 2-2 draw at Bristol Rovers in the Sunday Mirror Combination.

Circumstances dictated that a very young side was put out with Andy Dibble in goal the Town's most experienced player. Sean Farrell scored both goals in an encouraging performance. The Town team was: Dibble, Poutch, Pembroke, McEvoy, Barker, James, Scott, O'Brien, Farrell, Tighe, Rees.

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In our last notes, we mentioned that Paul Gray played for Northern Ireland against Wales, the night after our Southern Junior Floodlit Cup win over Aston Villa. Well, he did better than that. Coming on as a substitute eight minutes from time, he notched a goal for his country in a 4-1 win over the Welsh at Newtown.

Youth team coach John Faulkner said: "His example and that of all the lads who have gone on and played in the first team recently has been great for everyone. There is a big difference between telling young players they will have a chance to reach the first team and actually giving them their chance and the manager has been prepared to play our youngsters. And at the top level too. It is great."

& YOUTH

INTRODUCING...

SWINDON TOWN

Swindon Town returned to the Second Division last year after an absence of twelve seasons. During that absence they have sampled Fourth Division soccer for the first time in their history. It was during that decline that Lou Macari, the former Glasgow Celtic, Manchester United and Scotland International joined the County Ground staff in July 1984 as player-manager.

Since then the former Scotland star has masterminded the phenomenal rise of the Wiltshire Club in successive seasons of promotion. In 1985-86 Swindon Town set up a Football League record of 102 points as they raced away with the Fourth Division Championship finishing the season 18 points clear of Chester City, their nearest challengers.

Not content at basking in the glory of this achievement, Lou Macari then set about mounting a challenge for Third Division honours last season. Deprived of the Championship by A.F.C. Bournemouth and the runners-up spot by Middlesbrough, Swindon Town had to battle their way through the nail biting play-off system.

Five matches ensued, two with Wigan Athletic and three with Gillingham, which included a deciding match at Selhurst Park, Crystal Palace last May. Two goals from former Hatter Steve White ensured that their 2-0 win meant Second Division soccer at the County Ground this season.

After rejecting offers from Glasgow, Celtic, Coventry City and Leicester City the previous summer, Lou Macari was once again the target for other clubs during last close season. Both Wimbledon and Ipswich Town approached Swindon Town asking permission to speak to one of the games brightest young managers.

Lou Macari graciously declined the opportunity to speak to both clubs and preferred to guide Swindon Town on their return to the Second Division and full membership of the Football League. One of the clubs most popular ever managers, he is now launching an assault on Wembley in this Simod Cup semi-final tonight.

Players likely to be on duty tonight:

Fraser Digby Born in Sheffield. England under-21 cap. A former Manchester United apprentice spent two loan periods at the County Ground before eventually joining the club for a fee of £25,000 in December 1986.

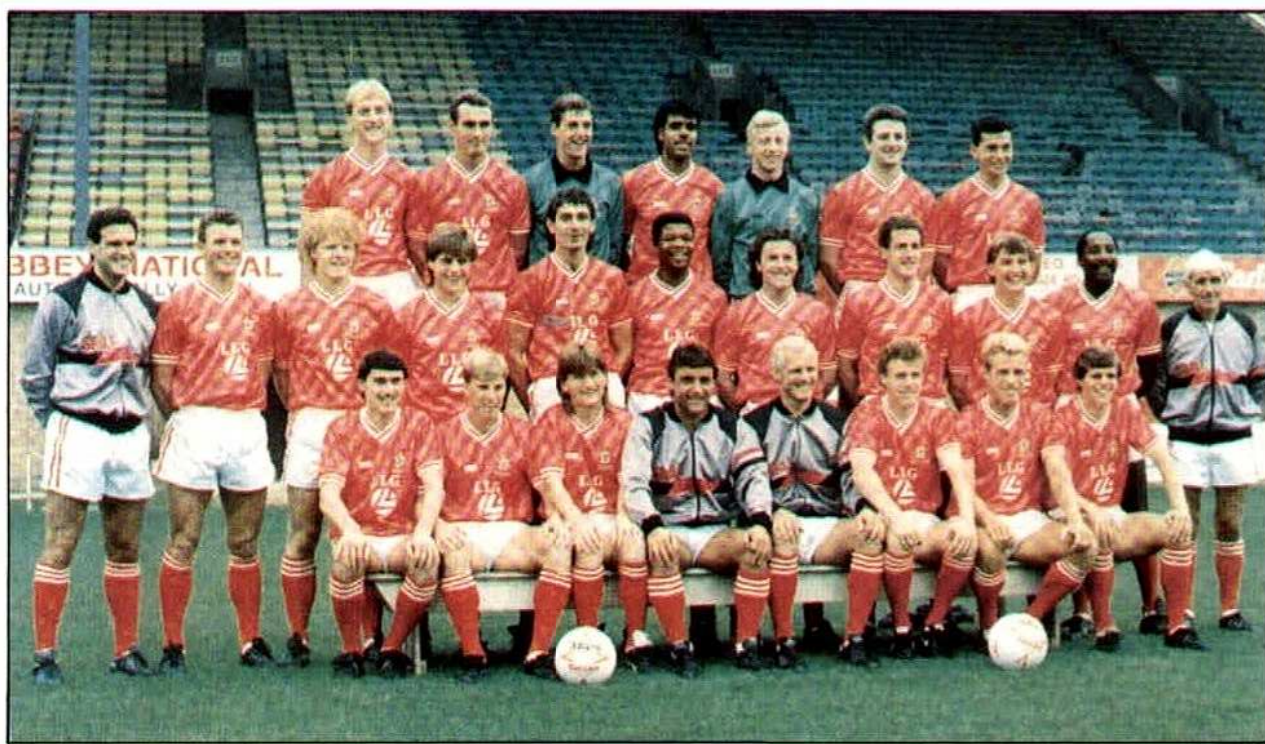
Dave Hockaday Born in Billingham. A former Blackpool player, he moved to the County Ground in August 1983. After several seasons of appearing in midfield or as a winger he made a successful transition to full-back.

Phil King The Bristol full-back joined Swindon Town from Torquay United for a fee of £12,500 in March 1987. Phil quickly slotted into the Town defence and helped the club to eventual promotion.

Tim Parkin Born in Penrith. Joined Swindon Town from Bristol Rovers in July 1986 for a Football League Tribunal settled fee of £27,500.

Jon Gittens Born in Moseley. Jon moved to the County Ground in July 1987 and therefore became the fifth close season signing for Lou Macari. The former Southampton central defender cost Swindon Town £40,000 at a Football League Tribunal appeal.

Leigh Barnard Born in Worsley. Leigh, along with Dave Hockaday, is one of the only two players remaining from the squad of players who were at the County Ground before the



Back Row: **Tim Parkin**, **Jimmy Quinn**, **Fraser Digby**, **Chris Kamara**, **Nicky Hammond**, **Charlie Henry**, **Colin Calderwood**. Middle Row: **Andy Rowland** (player/coach), **Dave Hockaday**, **Phil King**, **Terry Merriman**, **Dave Bamber**, **Jon Gittens**, **John Kelly**, **Steve White**, **Steve Foley**, **Chris Ramsey** (now Southend), **Kevin Morris** (physiotherapist). Front Row: **Alan McLoughlin**, **Bryan Wade**, **Peter Coyne**, **Lou Macari** (team manager), **John Trollope** (assistant manager), **Steve Berry** (now Aldershot), **Leigh Barnard**.



Lou Macari, the former Glasgow Celtic and Manchester United and Scotland forward is the man behind Swindon Town's revival and current success.

As a player, he was always an inventive, hard-working and skilful inside forward with an eye for goal. He won our respect throughout the game at the highest level.

He joined Swindon in 1984 as player-manager and has steered them to two successive promotions from the Fourth to the Second Division.

arrival of Lou Macari in July 1984.

Charlie Henry Born in Acton. One of Swindon Town's most popular players over recent seasons. His natural enthusiasm for the game having won him many admirers. Charlie originally joined the club as an apprentice.

Steve Foley Born in Liverpool. Another of Lou Macari's close season captures. Steve moved South to join Swindon Town from Sheffield United in July 1987 for a Football League Tribunal fee of £35,000.

Jimmy Quinn Born in Belfast. The Northern Ireland International rejoined Swindon Town from Blackburn Rovers in December 1986 for a fee of £50,000. Jim had originally joined Swindon Town from Oswestry Town in 1982. The tall striker had made 49 League appearances in his first spell at the County Ground before moving North.

Dave Bamber Born in St. Helens. The much-travelled striker has probably produced the best soccer of his career with Swindon Town following his move from Portsmouth in March 1986. Dave had previously spent a loan period with the club prior to his £12,500 move.

Steve White Incredibly allowed to join Swindon Town on a free transfer from Bristol Rovers in July 1986. What a signing he proved to be for the club as he headed both the League and Football Combination goalscoring charts for the 1986/87 season. The Chipping-Sodbury born striker had two spells with Bristol Rovers where he began his League career. Steve left Rovers after his first spell in a £200,000 move to Luton Town.

Bryan Wade Born in Bolton. Plucked from the virtual obscurity of non-league soccer with Southern League Trowbridge Town for a nominal fee in the summer of 1986.

SWINDON'S SIMOD ROUTE

November 10 Blackburn (A) 2-1 Parkin, Givens
December 23 Derby (H) 2-1 Hockaday, Quinn
January 19 Chelsea (H) 4-0 Parkin, Quinn, White 2
February 23 Norwich (H) 2-0 Foley

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JUNIOR HATTERS!

BY BRIAN STEIN

WELCOME TO ANOTHER SEMI-FINAL

Here we go again in yet another cup game. This time it is the Simod Cup. Last Tuesday we managed to overcome Stoke to be in tonight's round. Being the semi-final, if we are successful in to-night's game it will put us in to another final at Wembley.

The lads are over the moon to be in the Littlewoods Cup final - making it two trips to Wembley - the other one being in the Mercantile Credit Football League Centenary festival on April 16th and 17th.

Just a few lines to remind you of our Easter Egg competition. Make as many words as you can out of the names Brian & Mark Stein, by

using only four letters in each word, entries with membership number to be in by Wednesday March 23rd.

Today's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is J005058. The winning member should contact Bev Tyler in the Sports Shop at Oak Road with his or her membership card for two free tickets to one of our home matches.

To-night we give a warm welcome to Swindon Town as our visitors to Kenilworth Road and any junior supporters that have travelled to see their team. Have a good time and let's hope we can make it to another final. Let the lads hear you cheering us on to victory.

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Luke Philbrick



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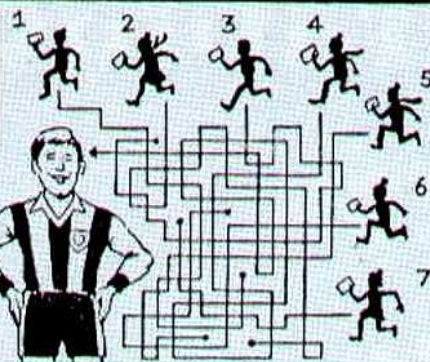


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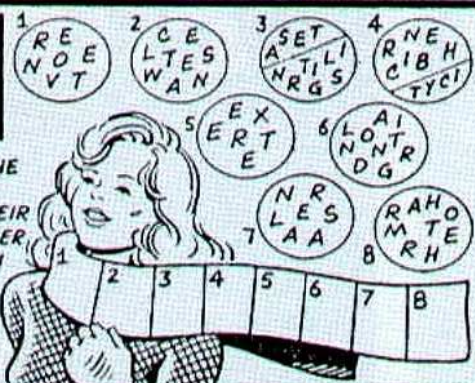
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EVERYONE WANTS THE STAR PLAYER'S AUTOGRAPH BUT WHICH SUPPORTER GETS THERE FIRST?



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The answers to the last Quiz Time are:
The Mystery European Star is Johan Cruyff.
Soccer Girl supports Birmingham.
Spot the Difference: 1. Flag black 2. Stripe on goalie's sock 3. Stripe on player's boot 4. Floodlights missing 5. Badge different 6. Player's cuff 7. Stripe on player's shorts 8. Line on ball 9. Bottom of goalpost 10. Church spire missing.

The answers to today's Quiz Time will appear in our next home game programme.



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Views from the media

CUP WINS GRAB THE HEADLINES

Our 4-1 victory over Stoke City last week maintained our phenomenal run in cup competitions this season and gave reporters at the match plenty of Wembley glory stories for the following day's papers. Here is a selection:

The Star: "Cup kings Luton are set to raid the European transfer market before the last stage of their bid for a Wembley clean sweep. The little cup moved a step nearer their third Wembley appearance this season when they comfortably disposed of Second Division Stoke in their Simod Cup quarter-final last night. And then boss Ray Harford revealed that he is setting up a transfer swoop on the Continent to strengthen his squad for the staggering programme of games still to play."

Daily Mirror: "Harford had to do without four of his Littlewoods Cup semi-final heroes of Sunday, including Steve Foster, who has a fractured cheekbone. Stoke collapsed last night in twelve second half minutes."

Daily Mail: "Luton are getting ready for Wembley. Another victory here against Swindon next Tuesday will book their second Cup Final of the season. Two goals each from Brian Stein and Mick Harford enabled Luton to follow their success in Sunday's Littlewoods Cup semi-final with an even more comfortable stroll to the stage of the Simod Cup last night."

The Sun: "Brian Stein and Mick Harford kept Luton on course for four Wembley appearances last night. Their double acts clinched a Simod Cup semi-final slot as Stoke were swept aside."

Today: "Luton marched into the Simod Cup semi-finals at Kenilworth Road last night thanks to the goalscoring skills of Brian Stein and Mick Harford."



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LUTON TOWN GOLDEN OLDIES

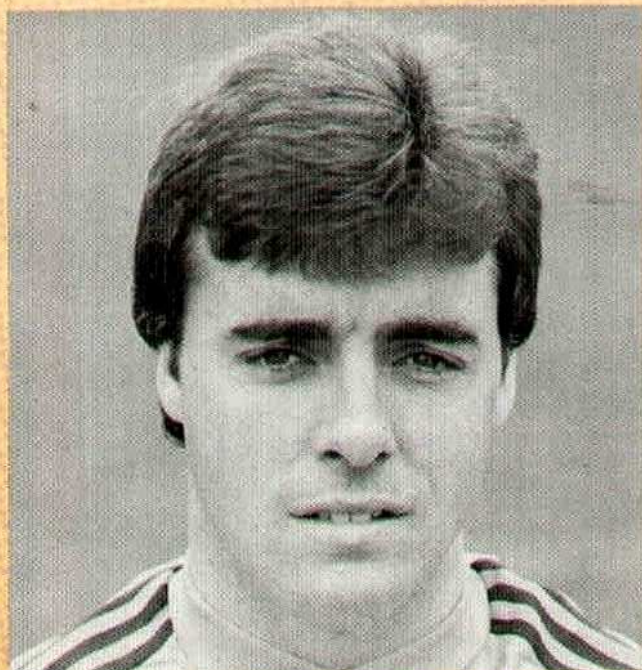
THRILLING PROMOTION BATTLES WERE THE HIGHLIGHTS IN 1980-81

With the selling of marksman Bob Hatton to Sheffield United in the summer of 1980 we all wondered where the goals were going to come from but manager David Pleat was fully confident that Brian Stein had served his apprenticeship under the artful eye of Hatton and would be able to assume the goalscoring mantle on his own shoulders, *writes club statistician Roger Wash.*

The first game of 1980-81 was away to West Ham where fortunately the euphoria caused by the parading of the FA Cup, which the hammers had won the previous season, got to the home players and despite being in front two late penalties expertly placed by David Moss sent the 27,933 crowd home deflated.

Three days later Steve White, signed the previous December from Bristol Rovers, scored his first goal for the club in the rather lucky 1-0 home win over local rivals Watford. "Barbarous Seville" was the headline in the "Watford Observer" aimed at referee Alan Seville who had refused to play the advantage role in one particular Watford attack when Mike Saxby had attempted to pull back Luther Blissett.

If the Town had been fortunate in their first two games luck certainly deserted them in match three when Derby County, visitors to Kenilworth Road, suffered a severe pounding but broke away twice to go home with the points in a 2-1 win.



• **Mal Donaghy:** In goal at Cambridge when the season took off.

'Ricky Hill grabbed the points with a last-minute winner'

This defeat knocked the stuffing out of the team and a poor patch developed with only one point being gained from the next three games, this solitary point being obtained by Frank Bunn scoring his first goal for the club in the final minute in the home game against Wrexham.

A last minute effort by Ricky Hill in the next home game against Orient secured the points but David Moss's missed penalty at Grimsby the following week meant that the Town had to settle for a point in a 0-0 draw rather than the two that their play deserved in a game marred by "strongarm" tactics by the home side.

Three defeats in a row then followed - Notts County at home and away at Bristol City and Preston - which left the Town fourth from bottom of the table with only goal difference keeping them from a relegation place.

A glimmer of hope was seen in successive home draws with Shrewsbury and Swansea before the season suddenly took off at the most unlikely of places - Cambridge.

David Moss had given the Town the lead from the penalty spot at the Abbey Stadium but Cambridge had equalised before half-time. Clive Goodyear headed his first goal for the club early in the second half before Moss limped off injured to be replaced by Raddy Antic.

With the Town goal under seige a further equaliser looked on the cards and when Jake Findlay received a nasty injury in making a brave save from George Reilly leaving the Hatters with only 10 men and Mal Donaghy in goal all looked lost.

But, as so often happens in these circumstances, the 10 men played brilliantly and it was no surprise when Brian Stein netted the Towns third goal in the final minute to record a famous victory.

The Town never really looked back following that win as three out of the next four games were won with style.

Firstly Sheffield Wednesday were hammered 3-0 at Kenilworth Road, Watford were again beaten by a Steve White goal, this time at Vicarage Road and finally West Ham finished 3-2 losers here in a pulsating match watched by a best of the season crowd of 17031.

With this win over West Ham the Town had forced themselves up to 10th position and as they were the only side to beat the runaway Hammers at that stage of the season promotion talk was once again in the air.

A couple of draws were followed by four straight wins leading up to the New Year which shot the Town up to 6th position. The first of this run of wins marked a fairytale comeback for Lil Fuccillo, out for two years following successive leg fractures, as he scored in the 4-2 walloping of Preston.

Christmas belonged to Brian Stein that year as he scored both Luton goals in the 2-0 win over Chelsea on Boxing Day followed up with a hat-trick in the 4-2 victory over Bristol Rovers at Eastville.

January 1981 did not prove to be too successful with no wins being recorded but we did have a chance to see a certain Mick Harford make his first appearance at Kenilworth Road albeit in the colours of Newcastle. He rather ungratefully scored the only goal of the game and watched as David Moss missed, yet again, from the penalty spot. He was also booked!

The next home game saw the Town score three second half goals to see off fellow promotion aspirants Blackburn but with Grimsby winning at Kenilworth Road soon after in another "four pointer" perhaps our thoughts of Division One were a shade premature.

This surmise was borne out the following week when the Town were unable to break down the Orient defence in a boring 0-0 draw at Brisbane Road. The fact that both teams seemed sleepy was perhaps caused by the 11.30am kick off on a Sunday morning – an experiment not since tried again by the Town.

Something needed to be done to rekindle any faint hopes of promotion and it was then that David Pleat introduced his sweeper system using Raddy Antic in the role. The system worked to perfection as the Town bamboozled Notts County at Meadow Lane and returned with both points in a 1-0 win.



• **Raddy Antic:** Sweeper extraordinaire.



• **Ricky Hill:** The winner against Orient.

The Town started climbing the table again with a 3-1 home win over Bristol City but a defeat at Sheffield Wednesday by a similar scoreline sent hopes stumbling again. All must be lost now!

'Town came back with three great wins in succession'

Back bounced the Town yet again with three wins in succession over the Easter period. Firstly QPR were thrashed 3-0 at Kenilworth Road in probably the best display of the season followed by Bristol Rovers, again at home, and then a fine 2-0 win at Stamford Bridge – the first there since Adam was a lad – sent the Town up into the promotion positions with only three games to go.

With the other promotion hopefuls getting the jitters it seemed that the Town had come good at just the right time being one point off third place.

The jitters however struck the Hatters as they lost a seemingly simple home game to Oldham 2-1. A match best remembered for the antics of Oldham forward Roger Wylde and a crowd invasion towards the end.

That the Town drew at eventually promoted Swansea in a tremendous game and won at Bolton 3-1 to finish off the season in style was no comfort to the Town supporters who rued the dropping of so many home points to inferior opposition.

FIRST TEAM

UPDATE

1987-88 SEASON

BARCLAYS FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 1987-88

HOME						AWAY					
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29	7	6	2	23	13	Wimbledon	5	3	6	19	19 45
30	7	4	4	20	16	Tottenham Hotspur	3	6	7	10	16 39
27	8	4	3	29	15	LUTON TOWN	3	1	8	11	19 38
30	4	6	4	17	17	Southampton	5	4	7	20	24 37
29	5	4	5	17	18	Newcastle United	4	6	5	18	23 37
30	8	1	7	20	21	Sheffield Wednesday	3	3	8	14	28 37
29	4	7	4	17	18	West Ham United	3	9	6	13	19 33
29	5	3	6	18	18	Norwich City	4	3	8	9	16 33
28	3	6	4	16	20	Coventry City	5	3	7	18	22 33
30	6	6	1	19	12	Chelsea	2	2	13	19	41 32
29	4	4	6	13	13	Derby County	3	9	7	11	20 30
29	4	7	5	18	21	Portsmouth	2	5	6	9	25 30
28	5	3	6	19	24	Oxford United	1	5	8	14	30 26
30	4	5	6	16	20	Charlton Athletic	1	5	9	12	27 25
29	3	3	9	9	19	Watford	2	5	7	9	19 23

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS (1987/88)

	League		Lift Cup		FA Cup		Simod Cup	
	Aps	Clis	Aps	Clis	Aps	Clis	Aps	Clis
Ian Allison	15(1)	3	-	-	4	1	-	-
Kingsley Black	4	-	1(1)	-	-	-	2	-
Tim Breacker	27	1	7	-	4	-	2	-
Gary Cobb	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Andy Dibble	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Mal Donaghy	25	-	7	-	4	-	1	-
Steve Foster	36	1	7	1	4	-	1	-
Paul Gray	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Ashley Grimes	21(1)	-	4	1	2(1)	-	1	-
Mick Harford	19	9	6	6	3	1	1	2
Richard Harvey	-	-	1	-	-	-	1(1)	-
Ricky Hill	14(1)	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
Marvin Johnson	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Rob Johnson	8(4)	-	6	-	2	-	1	-
Darron McDonough	18(3)	3	6	1	4	1	-	-
Ricky McEvoy	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Mike Newell	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stacey North	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emeka Nwajobi	8(3)	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
David Oldfield	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	1(1)	2
David Preece	9	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Brian Stein	24	7	7	3	4	1	1	2
Mark Stein	12(5)	9	4	2	4	-	1	-
Les Sealey	27	-	7	-	4	-	1	-
Michael Weir	6(1)	-	3	2	1	1	-	-
Danny Wilson	25	3	7	-	4	-	-	-
Robert Wilson	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Aug 15	Derby County	0-1	17204	-	Sealey	Breacker
Aug 18	Coventry City	0-1	7506	-	Sealey	Breacker
Aug 22	West Ham United	2-2	8073	16	Sealey	Breacker
Aug 29	Chelsea	0-3	16075	19	Sealey	Breacker
Aug 31	Arsenal	1-1	8745	18	Sealey	Breacker
Sept 5	Oxford United	5-2	6804	14	Sealey	Breacker
Sept 12	Everton	2-1	8124	16	Sealey	Breacker
Sept 19	Charlton Athletic	0-1	5003	12	Sealey	Breacker
Sept 22	Wigan Athletic (LC2R 1L)	1-0	5018	14	Sealey	Breacker
Sept 26	Queens Park Rangers	0-2	11175	14	Sealey	Breacker
Oct 3	Manchester United	1-1	9137	14	Sealey	Breacker
Oct 6	Wigan Athletic (LC2R 2L)	4-2	4240	14	Sealey	Breacker
Oct 10	Portsmouth	1-3	12391	16	Sealey	Breacker
Oct 17	Wimbledon	2-0	7018	14	Sealey	Breacker
Oct 24	Liverpool	0-1	12452	14	Sealey	Breacker
Oct 27	Coventry City (LC3R)*	3-1	11448	16	Sealey	Breacker
Nov 7	Newcastle United	4-0	7638	17	Sealey	Breacker
Nov 14	Sheffield Wednesday	2-0	16960	16	Sealey	Breacker
Nov 17	Ipswich Town (LC4R)	1-0	15643	12	Sealey	Breacker
Nov 21	Tottenham Hotspur	2-0	10091	12	Sealey	Breacker
Dec 5	Norwich City	1-2	7002	13	Sealey	Breacker
Dec 12	Watford	1-0	12152	9	Sealey	Breacker
Dec 18	Southampton	2-2	6618	9	Sealey	Breacker
Dec 26	Everton	0-2	32242	11	Sealey	Breacker
Dec 28	Charlton Athletic	1-0	7243	9	Sealey	Breacker
Jan 1	Chelsea	3-0	8018	8	Sealey	Breacker
Jan 2	West Ham United	1-1	16716	8	Sealey	Breacker
Jan 9	Hartlepool (FAC3)	2-1	6187	8	Sealey	Breacker
Jan 16	Derby County	1-0	7175	8	Sealey	Breacker
Jan 19	Bradford City (LC5)	2-0	11,022	8	Sealey	Breacker
Jan 30	Southampton (FAC4)	2-1	10009	8	Sealey	Breacker
Feb 6	Oxford United	7-4	8063	8	Sealey	Breacker
Feb 10	Oxford (LCSF1)	1-1	12943	8	Sealey	Breacker
Feb 13	Arsenal	1-2	22615	8	Sealey	Breacker
Feb 16	Everton (Simod Cup)	2-1	5204	8	Dibble	Breacker
Feb 20	Q. Park Rangers (FAC5)	1-1	15856	8	Sealey	Breacker
Feb 24	Q. Park Rangers (FAC5)	1-0	10854	8	Sealey	Breacker
Feb 28	Oxford United (LCSF2)	2-0	13010	8	Sealey	Breacker
Mar 1	Stoke City (Simod QF)	4-1	4580	8	Sealey	Breacker
Mar 5	Wimbledon	0-2	4858	9	Sealey	Breacker
Mar 8	Swindon (Simod SF)	-	-	-	-	-
Mar 12	Portsmouth (FAC6)	-	-	-	-	-
Mar 15	Coventry	-	-	-	-	-
Mar 26	Liverpool	-	-	-	-	-
Mar 27	Simod Cup (Final)	-	-	-	-	-
Apr 2	Newcastle United	-	-	-	-	-
Apr 5	Sheffield Wednesday	-	-	-	-	-
Apr 9	Tottenham Hotspur (FACs/f)	-	-	-	-	-
Apr 24	ARSENAL (LC FINAL, WEMBLEY)	-	-	-	-	-
Apr 30	Norwich City	-	-	-	-	-
May 2	Watford	-	-	-	-	-
May 7	Southampton	-	-	-	-	-
May 14	F A Cup Final	-	-	-	-	-

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Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford	(R. Wilson)	(Preece)	[MN/DM]
Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	McDonough	D. Wilson	Harford	Newell	(R. Wilson)	Preece	[EN]/SN
Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	(McDonough)	D. Wilson	Cobb	Harford ²	Newell	Preece	[SN]/EN
Breacker	Grimes	Donaghy	Foster	R. Wilson	Hill	Cobb	Newell	Nwajobi	Preece	KB/SN
Breacker ¹	Grimes	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson ¹	B. Stein	(Newell)	Nwajobi	Preece	[MS]/R]
Breacker	Grimes	Hill ¹	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	(B. Stein) ¹	Harford ¹	Nwajobi ¹	(Preece)	[MS/R]
Breacker	Grimes	Hill ¹	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein ¹	Harford	(Nwajobi)	(Preece)	[MS/R]
Breacker	(McDonough)	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford	M. Stein	(Preece)	[MW/R]
Breacker	R. Johnson	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford	Weir ¹	(Preece)	[EN]/SN
Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford	Black	Preece	RJ/EN
Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford ¹	(Black)	(Weir)	[MS/DM]
Breacker	Grimes	McDonough ¹	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford ²	Black	Weir	MS/R]
Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford ¹	(R. Johnson)	(Weir)	[DMcD/EN]
Breacker	Grimes	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson ¹	B. Stein ¹	Harford	(Black)	Weir	[IA]/EN
Breacker	Grimes	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford	Allinson	Weir	MS/R]
Breacker	Grimes	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford ²	R. Johnson	Weir ¹	MS/RH
Breacker	Grimes	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein ¹	Nwajobi ¹	M. Stein ²	Allinson	RJ/RH
Breacker	Grimes	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Nwajobi	M. Stein ¹	Allinson ¹	RJ/RH
Breacker	Harvey	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	(D. Wilson)	B. Stein ¹	Nwajobi	(R. Johnson)	M. Stein	[KB/DO]
Breacker	Grimes	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	R. Johnson	B. Stein	Nwajobi	M. Stein	Allinson ²	RH/MW
Breacker	Grimes	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein ¹	(Nwajobi)	Weir	Allinson	[RJ]/RH
Breacker	Grimes	McDonough	Foster ¹	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Hill	Weir	Allinson	RJ/KB
Breacker	Grimes	McDonough ¹	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Hill	M. Stein	(Allinson)	[MH ¹]/MW
Breacker	(Grimes)	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford	(Hill)	Allinson	[R]/MS]
Breacker	R. Johnson	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson ¹	B. Stein	Harford	M. Stein	Allinson	KB/DO
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Breacker	R. Johnson	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford	M. Stein ¹	Allinson	AG/MW
Breacker	R. Johnson	McDonough ¹	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Weir ¹	M. Stein	Allinson	KB/DO
Breacker	R. Johnson	McDonough ¹	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Black	M. Stein	Allinson	RH/DD
Breacker	R. Johnson	McDonough ¹	Foster ¹	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford ¹	M. Stein	Black	RH/DO
Breacker	(R. Johnson)	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein ¹	Harford	M. Stein	Allinson ¹	[AG]/KB
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Breacker	M. Johnson	McEvoy	Foster	Allinson	Cobb	(Gray)	Oldfield ²	Black	Grimes	DM[RH]
Breacker	Grimes	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford ¹	M. Stein	Allinson	RJ/KB
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Breacker	Harvey	R. Johnson	M. Johnson	Donaghy	Black	B. Stein ¹	(Harford) ²	M. Stein	Allinson	[DO]/GC
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- 10 Mark Stein
- 11 Ian Allinson

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