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RAY'S REVIEW

After last Saturday's match at home to Aston Villa, we shall be looking for a much-improved all round performance this afternoon. Norwich, who we welcome to Kenilworth Road today, have proved they are one of the best teams in the First Division by following their success last season with an excellent start this time round. They are sure to be very difficult opponents, particularly as they have an exceptionally good away record, but it is down to us to find our own pattern and form and to impose ourselves on the game and them.

There can be no excuse for last weekend's display. Everyone had an off day, but it was obviously a considerable blow to lose Roy Wegerle so early in the game. His injury upset the rhythm, but we failed to take command with a positive start which might have raised the tempo and excited everyone in the ground. If the ball is in our opposition's penalty area in the opening minutes, it helps to get the crowd aroused and their vocal support, in turn, can raise the team. Noisy support can really play a big part in the game and make all the difference and sometimes its absence can be an advantage for the away side.

It looks, at the time of writing, as if we shall be without Roy for two or three matches which, with Mick Harford still on the comeback trail, is a big loss. We also have to plan for the moment without Mick Kennedy, who is suspended, and Darron McDonough, who has been making a very good recovery from his dislocated shoulder. Fortunately, we have a big squad offering several options as replacement for the injured men. I know the spirit in the team remains excellent and we shall again be giving every drop of effort. Please give the players all the vocal support you can muster this afternoon.



Ray Harford

Supporters News

Dear Fellow Fans,

Through this letter, L.T.S.C. send 'Get Well' wishes to our oldest club member Mr. Stanford Tripp. It was with great distress that we learnt that Mr. Tripp had, had a short stay in hospital, but we are delighted to report that he is now safely back home and making a steady recovery.

We hope it won't be long before we see you back again at Kenilworth Road, Mr Tripp! Every good wish to you.

The Supporters Club extend a warm 'thank you' to our new assistant manager Terry Mancini who kindly came along to address a crowded Joe Payne Lounge on October 9th.

His infectious humour and frank answering of all the questions posed made the evening an undoubted success. We hope it won't be too long before we welcome Terry to one of our functions again. Cheers Terry for giving up your precious time!

A big thank you also to Brian Swain who once more made such an able master of ceremonies.

Enjoy today's game.

Merilyn Fussell
Membership Secretary



Founded
September 1988

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Join up – and get the habit!

Hello to all Luton Town fans and in particular fellow Supporters Club members. We hope you are enjoying being back in the habit of watching the Town.

The Supporters Club committee is anxious that you will also begin to develop another regular habit and automatically join the Luton Town Supporters Club each season. Since the onset of the new league campaign, we have already enrolled over 400 new Supporters Club members, but there are still a few original members who have not yet rejoined.

Please can we prompt those fans who have overlooked renewing their membership, to sign up at the New Supporters Club Kiosk next to the teabar (behind the main stand) straight after any home fixture.

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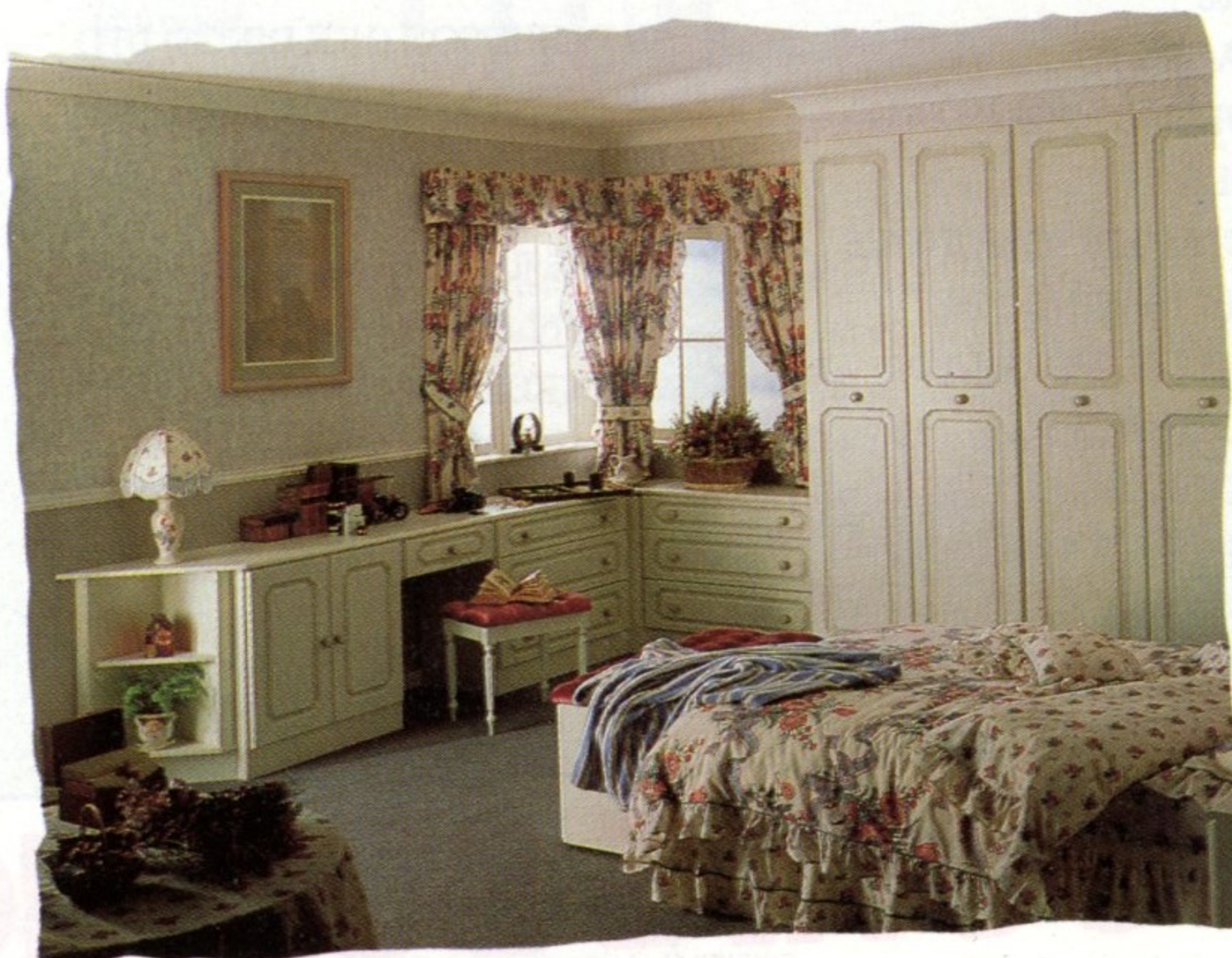
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Terry recounted some of the most colourful tales of his career and kept a packed Joe Payne Lounge in very good humour as well as answering questions about Luton Town and the game in general.

SUPPORTERS CLUB GROWING ALL OVER THE WORLD

Applications for our official Luton Town Supporters Club have been coming in from all over the world in recent weeks as the club has extended its activities in its second year of existence.

One of the new and highly-successful ideas brought in this season has seen our own supporters playing football on Saturday mornings against the supporters of our rivals due to be faced at Kenilworth Road on the same Saturday afternoon.

Last weekend, the Luton Town SC beat Aston Villa's supporters club 12-2 in a match which more than made up in goals for the lack of defensive quality offered by the two sides! It was great fun for everyone.

If you want to join the Supporters Club or find out more about it why not drop in to see Pam Gray or John Pyper at the club's kiosk and membership office behind the main stand after today's match. They would be delighted to see you.

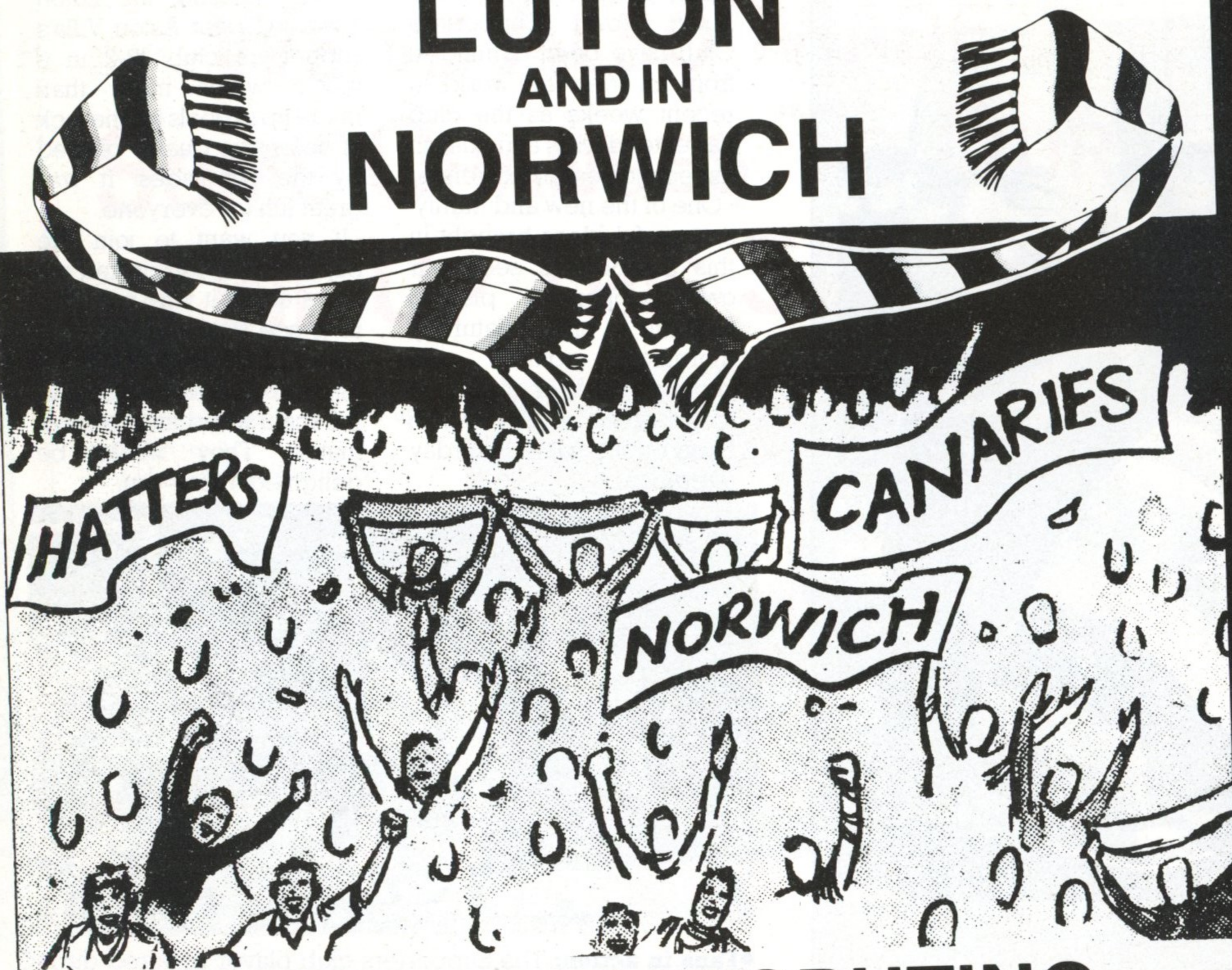


● **Fans in action:** The Supporters club player pictured during their match against Aston Villa's Supporters Club.



● **Sign on, please:** Pam Gray and John Pyper are pictured at the Supporters' Club Kiosk behind the Main Stand last Saturday.

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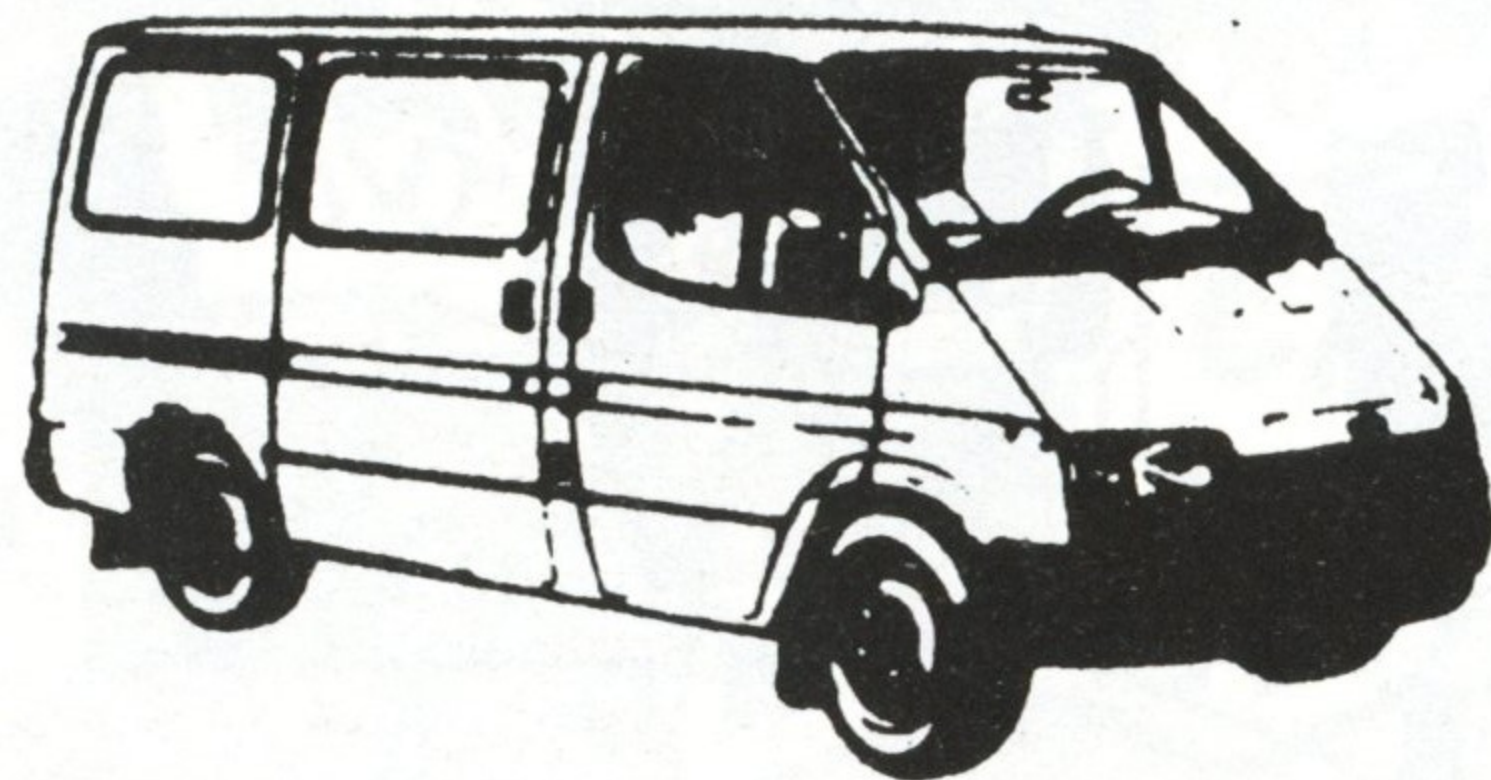


• **Congratulations:** Danny Wilson is all determination after scoring our winner in last season's home clash with Norwich.



• **Out of luck:** Mick Harford fires in a low left-foot shot during last season's clash.

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MAN IN CHARGE Brian Stevens (Stonehouse, Glos)

Brian is married and has two daughters. He is a toolroom supervisor. He began refereeing in 1963 and progressed through the Stroud Youth League and the Gloucestershire County League before joining the Football League list in 1975. He has been in charge of the FA Trophy final at Wembley in 1982 and also a full international between Wales and Ireland. He enjoys woodturning as a hobby.



BOBBERS TRAVEL CLUB - COACHES TO EVERTON AND OXFORD

The Bobbers Travel Club, have organised coaches to both Everton, for the Littlewoods Cup tie, and Oxford, for the Zenith Data Systems Cup tie.

Tickets to Everton will cost £9.50 for adults and £7.60 for children and senior citizens. Coaches depart from Cranfield at 1.30 pm with pick-up points en-route to Luton, departing from Kenilworth Road at 2.30 pm.

Tickets to Oxford will cost £4.30 for adults and £3.40 for children and senior citizens. Coaches depart Cranfield at 3.45 pm and Kenilworth Road at 4.45 pm. Tickets are issued to members only and are available from John Pyper in the Bobbers Club, Oak Road, after Saturday home matches (5pm-5.30pm) and midweek home matches (9.45pm-10.15pm) or by telephoning Paul Deason on 0234-750996 (evenings only).

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Luton Town v Watford	Luton Town v Derby County	Luton Town v Stotfold
Saturday, October 28, 1989	Saturday, November 4, 1989	Tuesday, November 14, 1989
Kick-off 2.00p.m.	Kick-off 3.00p.m.	Kick-off 7.45p.m.

LITTLEWOODS CHALLENGE CUP THIRD ROUND

EVERTON v LUTON TOWN

Tuesday, October 24, 1989, kick-off 7.30pm

Tickets for seats for this match will be available from the ticket office in Kenilworth Road after this afternoon's match. Seats cost £6.30. Supporters wishing to travel to Goodison Park may pay to stand on the terraces on the night. Admission will cost £4. There will be no concessions.

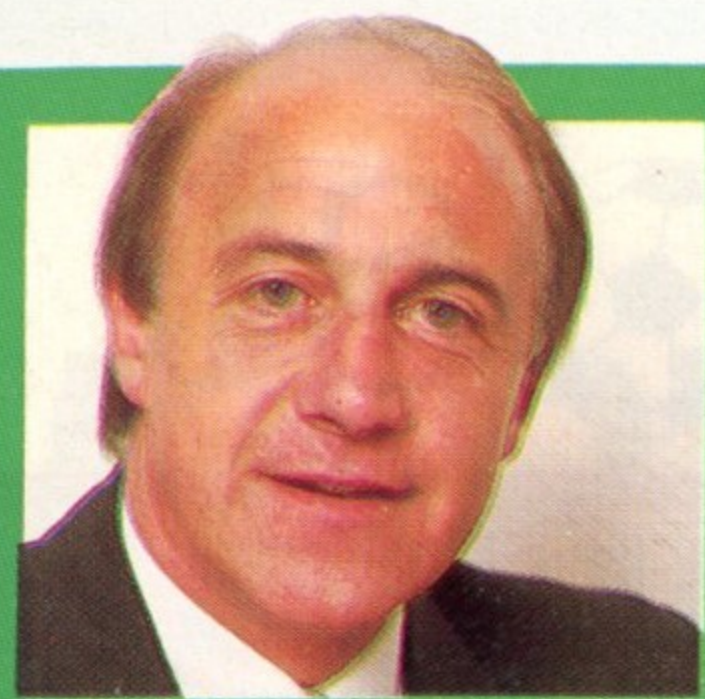
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by BILL TOMLINS

THE TOWN

MEETINGS AT ALL LEVELS MAKE IT A SPECIAL WEEKEND

A warm welcome this afternoon to Norwich City. By the end of the day, we will have played against our friends from Norfolk at just about every possible level this weekend and strengthened what I hope remains a very long-standing and special relationship.

Our reserve sides met at Carrow Road last night in a Combination Fixture and our youth teams met this afternoon in a South East Counties League Cup tie which provided a curtain-raiser to our Barclays First Division clash. Add to that a meeting between the Junior Hatters and the Junior Canaries this morning and I think you can see what I mean.

Anglia Television are here today and I am sure they will admit they have enjoyed many good times with each club. The Canaries and ourselves have provided some stirring stuff in recent years with our successes in the league and cup competitions.

Most of our supporters will already have noticed from last week's match that our electronic scoreboards are operating again after their injury-enforced break and I am sure, from the number of people who have spoken to me, everyone is pleased.

Elsewhere in today's programme you may have read of the special benefit offered to our members by the Luton and District Bus Company. Their operations director Peter Collins has really put the membership

scheme on the map with his help and half-price fares are obviously an exceptional benefit to our members and a great example to the rest of football.

The reporting of Mick Harford's return to fitness has been a source of less happiness, however, and I would like to put the record straight by stating that he did not suffer any setback in his recovery plans this week.

It may have appeared like that from certain reports, but, at the time of writing, he was pencilled in for the reserves game at Carrow Road last night after a hard training session in midweek. Mick is a professional who trains hard and who is feeling some discomfort and reaction to his operations, nothing more.

On a brighter note, it is nice to see attendance are up. I was very pleased with ours for the home match last week, but less happy with the comments made about our pitch by Villa manager Graham Taylor. To use it as an excuse when losing is one thing, but to do the same when you win seemed so unlike Graham and an unnecessary excuse on his teams performance.

Finally, next weekend when we play at Millwall, those fans not making the trip may fancy seeing both our youth and reserve teams in action here. It is an attractive programme with no charge.

WELCOME VISITOR



● Popular guest: Our former goalkeeper Jake Findlay was a welcome visitor when he came to see last Saturday's home clash with Villa.

TOP PRIZE FOR CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER

● Award winner: Our club photographer Josh Levy of Apex Photography, Milton Keynes, was the winner in the open category of a prestigious competition for photographers 'Images of Milton Keynes'. He is caught the other side of the lens for a change being congratulated by Milton Keynes' Information Officer Steve Farrell. Well done, Josh. The competition was judged by former Sports Photographer of the Year Eamon McCabe.



● Men of the match: Tim Breacker and Aston Villa's Derek Mounfield were our sponsors star players last week. They are pictured with David Bates of Luton International Airport.



● Big match kick-off: Villa's Stuart Gray and our captain Danny Wilson are pictured with the officials and mascot Daniel Robinson.



● Ball sponsors: Keith Harvey and his son Richard are pictured with Tim Breacker.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY



PRIDE AT STAKE

After our poor performance against Aston Villa last Saturday, it is our pride which is at stake as well as the three points here today against Norwich. We simply must produce a vastly-improved performance if we are to gain any sort of satisfaction or get a result and we all know that.

Professional players know when they have had a poor day and this was true of us all last week. We did not play well at all. We knew it and there are no excuses. Yes, we had three lads away on World Cup duty during the previous week and there were some team changes – but that cannot excuse a poor display.

saving grace

Villa were, to be diplomatic about it, relatively unimpressive. And we were a lot worse than that... The only saving grace is that we cannot play that badly again this season. Of that, I am sure. I just wish we had a mid-week match to get it out of our system.

Norwich come here with a tremendous away record. We will need all your vocal support today – the atmosphere last week was on Villa's side – so please make some noise. Everyone is part of the team on Saturday afternoon and your support could be worth a goal's start. All the best.

1st Team ACTION

VILLANS STEAL THE POINTS Luton Town 0 Aston Villa 1

After such a promising start to the season – only one defeat in the opening five league games – it was galling last Saturday to stomach the first home defeat of the season when Aston Villa, courtesy of a scrambled close-range goal by Derek Mounfield, achieved their first success on their travels.

For the Town, bereft of any real bite in attack, it was the fourth First Division match without a win since September 9. The statistics tell the story. Having been as high as seventh in the table, we are now in the lower reaches.

The loss of Roy Wegerle, who twisted an ankle in the opening seconds, but played on until the interval, was a blow, but the game was lost all over the pitch. A first half header by Graham Rodger, cleared off the line, and a second half header by Lars Elstrup, saved by Nigel Spink were our best efforts.

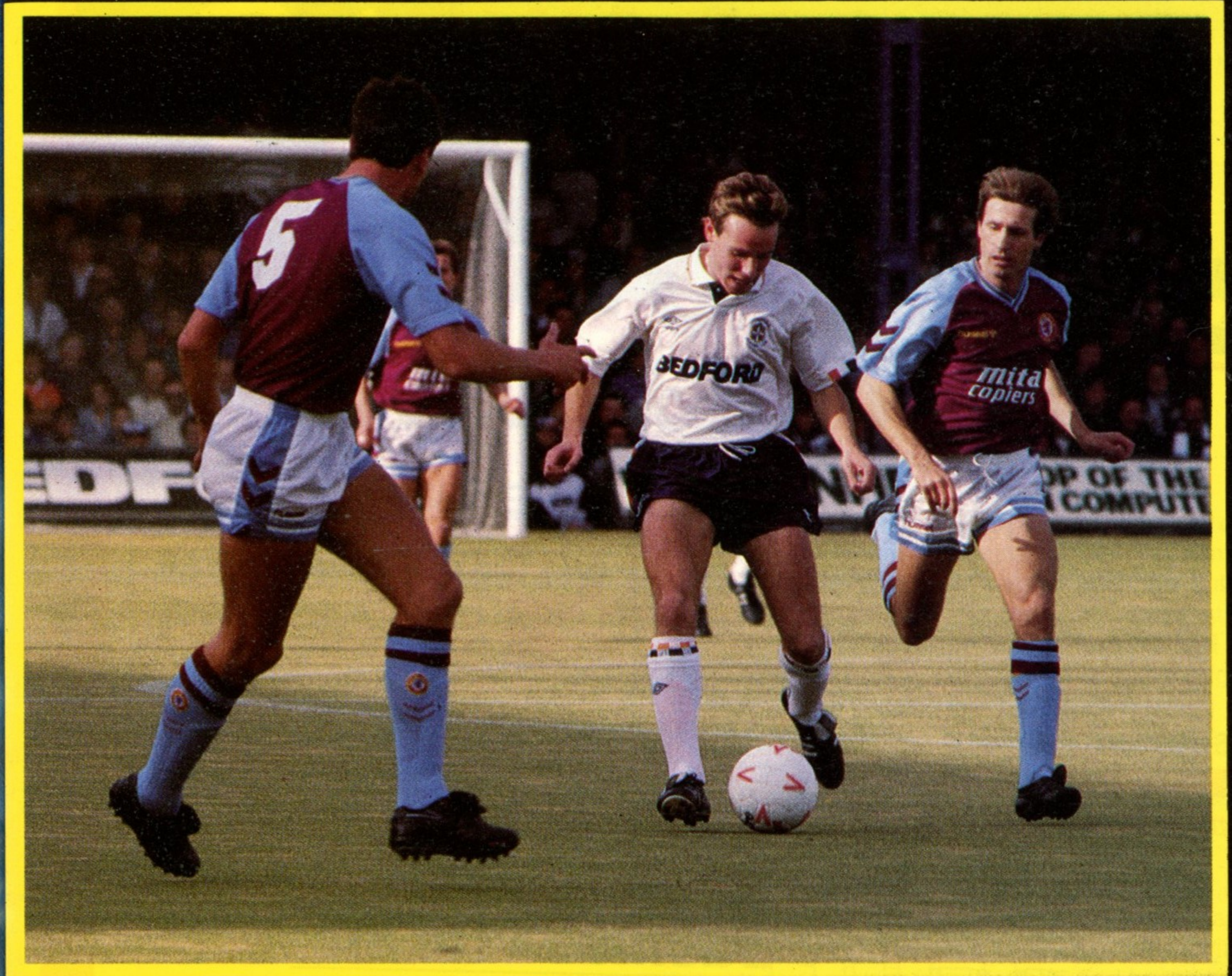
Villa, with David Platt in fine form, controlled most of the first half and were content to defend in the second after slack defending at Gordon Cowans' free kick allowed Mounfield in to stab the ball home and secure the points.

Teams: Luton Town – Chamberlain, Breacker, Dreyer, Wilson, Rodger, (Harvey 74), Beaumont, Williams, Wegerle, (Cooke 46), Elstrup, Preece, Black.

Aston Villa – Spink, Price, Gallacher, (Daley 56), Platt, Mounfield, Nielsen, Blake, Heath (Birch 77), Olney, Cowans, Grey.

Referee: P. Don (Hansworth Park).

Attendance: 9,433



• **No reward:** There was no lack of effort last Saturday when the Town were beaten by Aston Villa. Our colour pictures today show Lars Elstrup, Kingsley Black and Roy Wegerle trying to find a way through. Pictures by Josh Levy of Apex Photography.

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DAVID BEAUMONT

DAVID BEAUMONT FACT FILE

Born: Edinburgh 10.12.63

Source: 'S' form. First Club: Dundee United

Scottish League debut: St Johnstone v Dundee United
(1-2) 7.1.84

Clubs: Dundee United (1980-1989), Luton Town (1989-)

Joined Luton Town: January, 1989

Luton Town league debut: Luton T. v Middlesbrough
18.2.89 (1-0)

International caps: 1 for Scottish under-21's

"That does not mean I cannot dish it out or take it when it is required. I think I can mix it up with anyone in certain matches. But I prefer to think about my game differently and try to pass the ball. I know I had a terrible game last week against Villa though when my passing was no good at all.

"When I was at Dundee United there were two other terrific centre-halves in David Narey and Paul Hegarty and they were both great footballers. I think I must have picked up something."

David proved the defensive qualities of his game during the final stages of last season including the final home clash with today's visitors from Norfolk. And he started this term in brilliant form too with the Town back four keeping a string of clean sheets against Sheffield Wednesday, Liverpool, QPR and Charlton.

"It has not gone quite so well since then," admitted David. "And it might be the problem is that we are not scoring enough goals to get results. We have only scored six in nine games and need to get more players forward."

"You cannot win if you are not scoring and we have only scored twice in one league match against Sheffield Wednesday in our nine games. That is not enough. We have quality players in attack. Lars, for example, is an international striker so we must give them the service they need."

Off and on the pitch, David is delighted with his move south. He is enjoying his football despite the recent results and he and his family are happily settled into Luton life. And he has even managed to find time to get in a few rounds of his beloved golf.

Frustration showed

"It was just down to frustration really, nothing else. We had not played well and nothing had gone right for us. I just felt that way and that is what led to it," said David as he looked back on his first caution of the season in last Saturday's 1-0 home defeat by Norwich. "I am not usually one to get booked very often. Normally only once or twice a season. It was just that sort of day for us."

Fortunately, for David and all the Town supporters, there have been few such days since he signed for the club last winter from Dundee United to bring his own special brand of ball-playing defensive play to the Kenilworth Road back four. "I have never been suspended in my career," he said. "I usually get a few bookings but I never go over the top of the points marks so that is not a danger to me. I am not a really physical sort of player."



DAVID BEAUMONT

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We lost our first home game of the season last week. With Roy Wegerle hobbling off at half-time, we lost our rhythm and found it hard to penetrate Aston Villa's defence.

It was hoped that Mick Harford would play at Norwich yesterday in a reserve match after his long lay-off with his ankle injury. We could do with him back in the team as he gives us height in attack.

He is missed when the high balls are in the opponents penalty area.

We are in for a good game today as Norwich always make it hard for us. Last week, they beat Chelsea at home 2-0 with their goals coming from Bowen and Fleck.

Norwich are third from the top of the league table, so we will have to pull out all the stops today as we could do with the three points!

Today we give a warm welcome to the Junior Canaries of Norwich. I know that some of you

have been playing football with them this morning. I hope that you all had a good time and scored plenty of goals.

The Junior Canaries are watching today's game from our family enclosure. Have a good time and do your best to support your team.

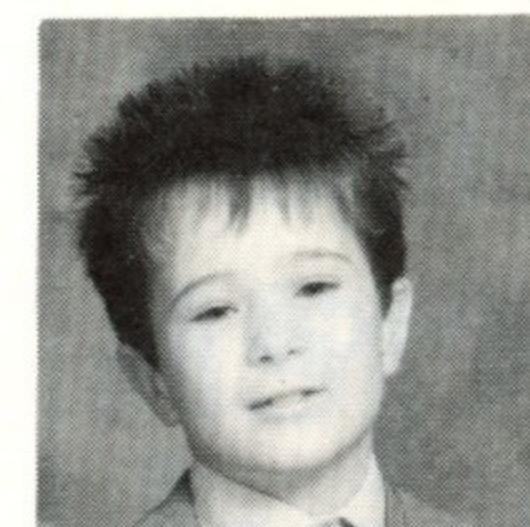
Today's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is 170330, Richard Hunn, the winning member, should contact Bev Tyler at the Sports Shop in Oak Road with his membership card for two free tickets to one of our home matches.

This week's winner of a Sports Bag sponsored by Spearman International Ltd, Suppliers of Quality Promotional Products, Gifts, Incentives and Awards is 190648, Damian James. Congratulations.

Have a good day and I will see you at our next home game when our visitors are Derby County.

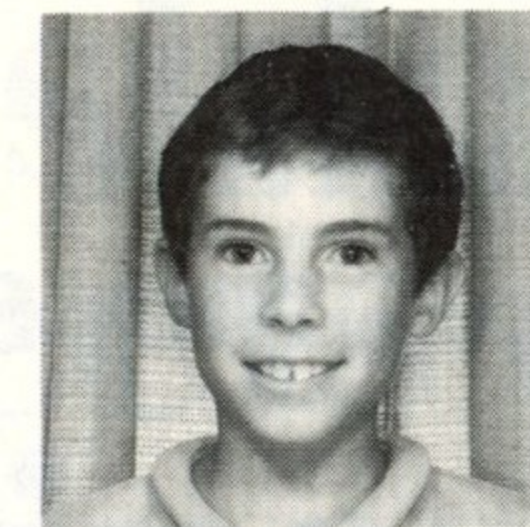
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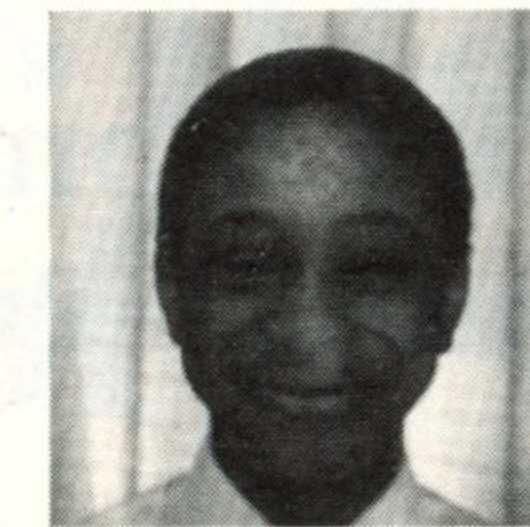


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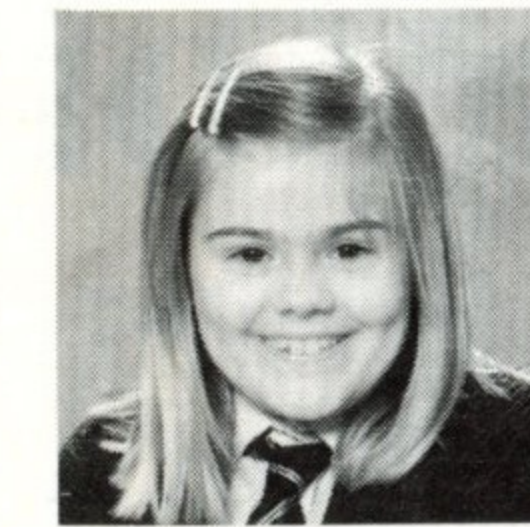
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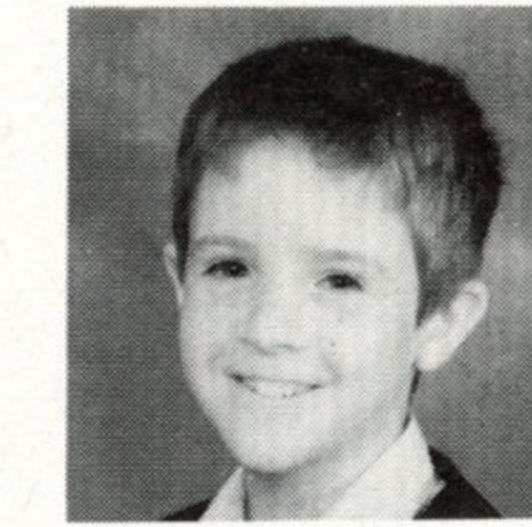
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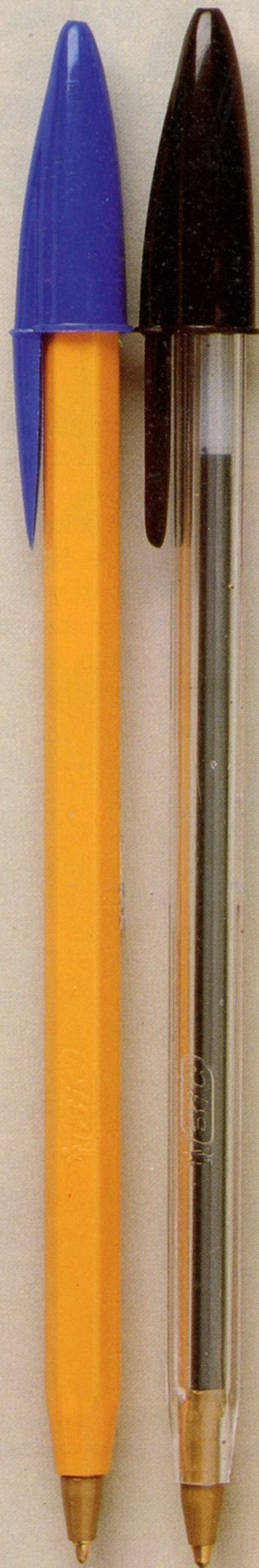
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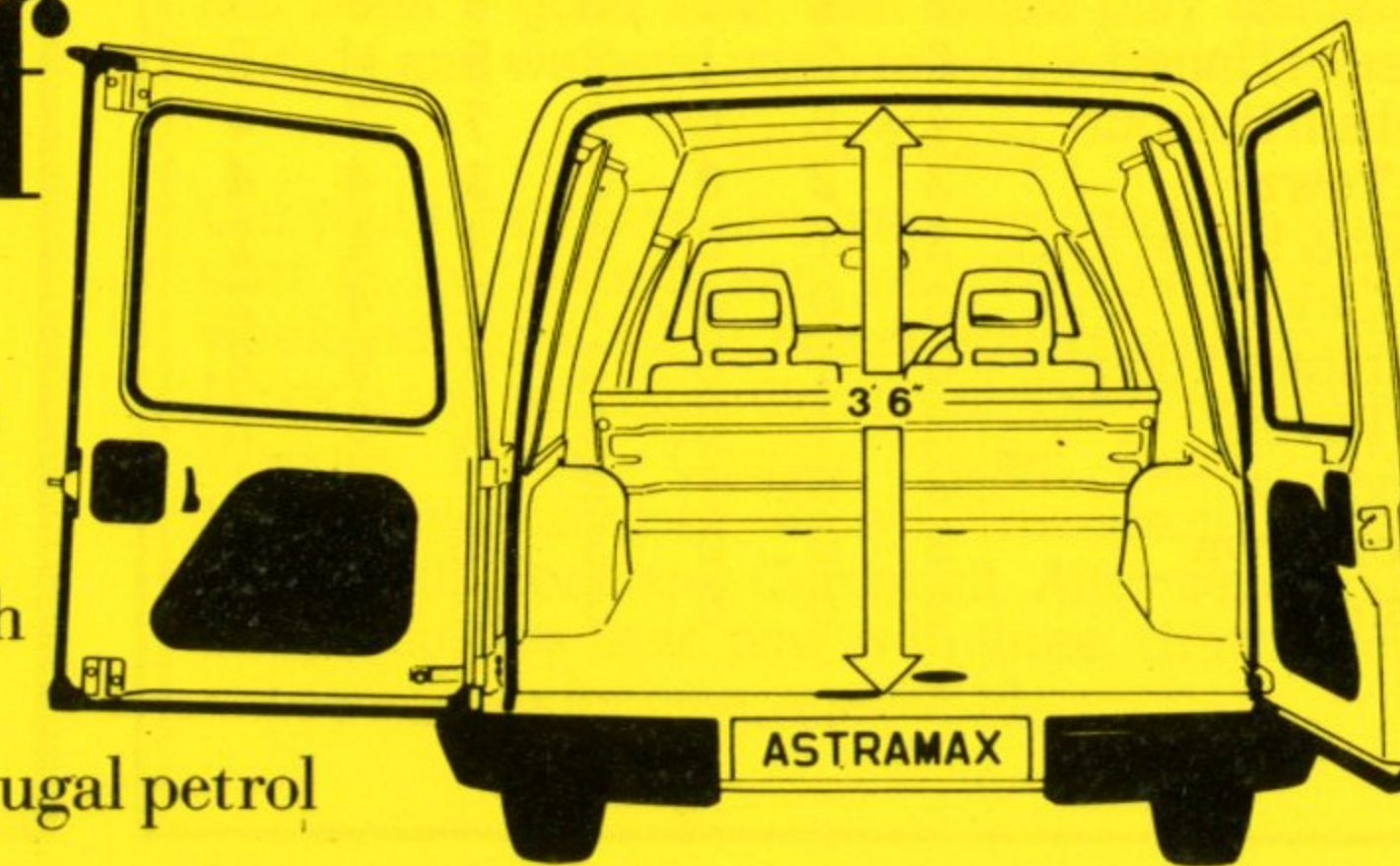
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● **Rising high:** Ian Dowie, just back from his loan spell at Fulham, shows his strength in the air.

FROM THE BENCH



INCONSISTENCY ALWAYS THE ENEMY

After an opening run of Ovenden Papers Football Combination matches this season, our reserves had been without a match for nearly three weeks until last night's scheduled visit to Norwich City, our league visitors today. In that period their only serious action was the Bedfordshire Premier Cup tie at Stotfold last week which resulted in a 4-4 draw. The replay will be played at Kenilworth Road on November 14, kick-off 7.45 pm

The break has, however, given coach Jim Ryan a chance to review progress to date, he said: "Inconsistency, as usual, seems to be the privilege - or should it be curse? - of youth. Thus we had a sparkling first day of superb football against Arsenal followed by a rather drab and colourless game against Reading... There were mitigating factors, of course, as we had eight changes in the team thanks to our large pool of players this season. The second factor was the approach of our opponents.

"Arsenal came to win and Reading to avoid defeat. It takes two to tango. Then at Spurs, we played poorly and they played well and we were soundly beaten. The Southampton and Ipswich matches probably summed up our form to date with a mixture of play, some excellent and some just indifferent. But overall, it has been a good start with skilful play and a good attitude and we have much to look forward to."

Youth Team

Our youth team have also gone through an inconsistent start to the season and John Faulkner's team last weekend drew 2-2 at Bristol Rovers with goals from Jackson and substitute Campbell. The Town team was: Watkiss, McGill, Cooper, Telfer, Salton, Jackson, McGonagle, Lawford, Brown, Thompson, O'Sullivan. Subs: Rutherford and Campbell. After seven games, the youngsters have now won three, drawn two and lost two. Goals for nine, against 10.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 1989/90

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford United	4	3	1	0	9	4	7
Brentford	3	3	0	0	11	3	6
Wimbledon	5	3	0	2	12	6	6
Crystal Palace	3	0	0	0	7	1	6
A.F.C. Bournemouth	3	2	1	0	10	4	5
Southampton	6	2	1	3	8	8	5
Colchester United	6	2	1	3	9	11	5
Tottenham Hotspur	4	2	0	2	7	7	4
Luton Town	3	2	0	1	3	4	4
Brighton & Hove	3	1	0	2	4	4	2
Bristol City	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
Northampton Town	3	1	0	2	6	9	2
Bristol Rovers	3	1	0	2	5	8	2
Reading	3	0	1	2	1	4	1
Swindon Town	3	0	0	3	13	0	0
Aldershot	3	0	0	3	13	0	0

OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1989/90

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	8	7	0	1	29	15	21
Arsenal	8	7	0	1	23	16	21
Ipswich Town	8	5	2	1	18	12	17
Millwall	8	5	1	2	14	9	16
Swindon Town	9	5	0	4	17	17	15
Oxford United	8	4	1	3	22	14	13
Luton Town	5	4	0	1	12	7	12
Norwich City	7	4	0	3	9	9	12
Wimbledon	7	3	2	2	13	9	11
Chelsea	5	3	1	1	16	4	10
Brighton & Hove	8	3	1	4	10	13	10
QPR	7	3	0	4	11	14	9
Portsmouth	6	2	2	2	8	14	8
West Ham	7	2	1	4	13	14	7
Charlton Athletic	8	2	1	5	19	22	7
Watford	8	2	1	5	11	16	7
Crystal Palace	8	1	2	5	10	14	5
Southampton	8	0	3	5	9	17	3
Fulham	6	1	0	5	4	22	3
Reading	7	0	2	5	9	19	2

OVENDEN PAPERS FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1989/90

Date	Opponents	Result	Date	Opponents	Result
1989/90			1990		
Aug 19	Arsenal	6-1	Jan 27	Brighton	
Sept 2	Reading	2-0	Feb 3	Millwall	
Sept 9	Tottenham	0-4	Feb 13	Chelsea	
Sept 23	Southampton	1-0	Feb 17	Oxford	
Sept 30	Ipswich Town	3-2	Feb 21	Fulham	
Oct 20	Norwich City		Feb 28	Crystal Palace	
Oct 28	Watford		Mar 3	Southampton	
Oct 31	Swindon		Mar 10	Swindon Town	
Nov 7	Millwall		Mar 13	Wimbledon	
Nov 11	West Ham		Mar 21	Ipswich	
Nov 25	Fulham		Apr 3	Portsmouth	
Nov 29	Brighton		Apr 7	QPR	
Dec 2	Watford		Apr 11	Reading	
Dec 12	Charlton A		Apr 18	Crystal Palace	
Dec 16	Norwich		Apr 21	Arsenal	
Dec 19	Tottenham		May 1	Charlton A	
Jan 2	QPR		May 8	Chelsea	
Jan 6	West Ham				
Jan 10	Oxford				
Jan 13	Wimbledon				
Jan 16	Portsmouth				

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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

A SUPERB NEW OFFER FOR OUR MEMBERS

Good afternoon and welcome to the first new bumper 40-page match day programme and a quite superb new offer to all our members: half-price bus travel every Saturday with Luton and District Transport.

Quick readers will already have realised that the new cover price of this programme for today's attractive home match again Norwich represents excellent value for money once they have seen the extra pictures and features.

The production costs of our programme have, like everything else, been rising steadily and we felt that if an increased cover price was necessary it should be introduced only with an increased number of pages. This helps to make our programme highly attractive and excellent value.

Members will, as from Saturday, November 4, also enjoy the benefits of another special offer - half-price bus fares on all Luton and District Transport bus services every Saturday. This is an exclusive facility for our members which we have been able to obtain thanks to the progressive thinking and co-operation of Luton and District Transport and its Operations Director Peter Collins.

It means that all holders of Luton Town member's cards, when wishing to travel on Luton and District Transport services, may show their card to the driver who will then automatically charge half the normal fare.

The offer will be available on all Saturdays until the end of the season and thus offers families a chance to go shopping together by bus at half-fare every other week as well as take advantage of the offer for travelling in to our home matches.

In view of the fact that Luton and District Transport is the main provider of public transport in the area, members will be able to take advantage of this scheme throughout the district and many outlying areas, including Toddington, Chalton, Leighton Buzzard, Stanbridge, Tilsforth, Hockliffe, Shefford, Barton, Letchworth, Hitchin and Stopsley, will be included.

I know Mr Collins was delighted to agree this special concession to our members and he has wished the club every success on and off the field this season. His work has resulted in the launch of a truly special benefit for Luton Town FC members.

Brian Cole Chairman



•The card that scores: Marketing manager Malcolm Collins and Operations Director Peter Collins show off the membership card that will mean half-price fares every week on Luton Buses. Peter is delighted to link up with the Club in this way.

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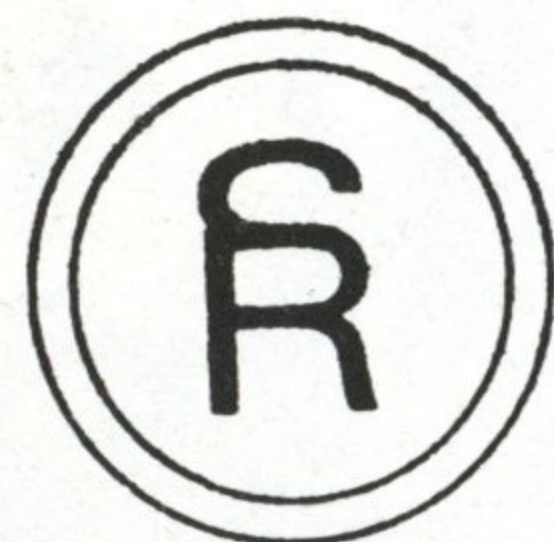
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• Tough tussle: Kingsley Black in action against Villa last week.

OFF THE RECORD

Christmas crackers stir the memories

The Town went into Christmas 1981 sitting pretty at the top of Division Two but the game to be played against newly relegated Norwich at Carrow Road was seen to be a severe test, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

A best of the season crowd of 19,348 turned out on a cold day to see the game open in amazing fashion with the Town taking a 3-0 lead in the first fifteen minutes.

Raddy Antic, spotting Norwich goalkeeper Chris Woods off his line, hit a 30 yard, dipping and bending, slot into the top corner after three minutes then provided a marvellous defence splitting pass shortly afterwards to enable Steve White to put the Town two up.

To complete the threatened rout Mal Donaghy placed an inch perfect pass over the Norwich defence for Brian Stein to run through, round the goalkeeper, and slot home the Town's 44th goal of the season from only 19 games.

After this, the Town eased off slightly probably thinking the job was done but as defence in depth became the order of the day Norwich started to put on some pressure which eventually resulted in John Deeham, making his league debut for the Canaries, pulling one back shortly before half-time.

In the early part of the second half Norwich threatened to take complete control and a second goal at that stage would have turned the game into a real cup-tie, but gradually the fire died out and it was only the woodwork that prevented Brian Horton and David Moss from increasing the Town's lead.

The win meant that the Town were seven points clear of the second placed club and a massive eleven

IT HAPPENED 40 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK ...

22nd October 1949

A goal from George Stobbart earned the Town a home 1-1 draw against promotion chasing Tottenham.

The attendance of 27,319 was a record at the time.

IT HAPPENED 20 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK ...

18th October 1969

The Town bounced back from their first defeat of the season - 2-0 at Doncaster - to win 2-1 at Brighton and maintain their position at the top of Division Three.

The Luton goals, scored before a crowd of 18,722, were netted by John Collins.

clear of fourth placed Q.P.R. with a game in hand.

Amazingly, by the time of the return on Easter Monday, the Town's lead had been whittled away due, in the main, to their failure to win any away games in the intervening period.

Norwich were making their own late run for promotion and had won their last four games with the result that the highest league gate of the season at that stage - 15,061 - turned up to see whether the Town could overcome a jittery patch.

The game opened in the same devastating fashion but this time it was Norwich who started like world-beaters. Only Dave Watson and Greg Downs could tell you how they managed to miss gilt edged opportunities in the first five minutes and it was a shocked but grateful Town side that trudged off at half time with the score still level.

The half-time team talk by manager David Pleat certainly made a difference as the Town snapped out of their lethargy to dominate the game in the second period.

The break through came in the 57th minute when Brian Stein volleyed home after a shot by Lil Fuccillo had been blocked to be followed by a well taken strike three minutes later by Billy Jennings who had come on as substitute for the injured David Moss.

The win set the Town up for an unbeaten end to the season and the inevitable championship while Norwich won their next six matches to secure a promotion slot behind second place Watford.

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1988/89	13/5/89	Luton 1 (Wilson) Norwich 0 Att: 10,816
1987/88	5/12/87	Luton 1 (B. Stein) Norwich 2 Att: 7,002
1986/87	11/10/86	Luton 0 Norwich 0 Att: 10,002
1984/85	16/4/85	Luton 3 (Nwajiobi 2, Moss) Norwich 1 Att: 8,794
1983/84	6/9/83	Luton 2 (Elliott, B. Stein) Norwich 2 Att: 11,095



•Raddy Antic: A Christmas cracker against the Canaries in 1981.

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WELCOME TO...

NORWICH CITY

- This afternoon we welcome Norwich City to Kenilworth Road. The Canaries are now our nearest First Division rivals except for London opponents.
- Norwich City were formed in 1902 and turned professional in 1905. They were original members of Division Three in 1920 and became famous for their cup-fighting exploits in that division and the old Division Three (South) before reaching the First Division for the first time in 1972.
- Since 1972, when they were promoted as Second Division champions, they have enjoyed a yo-yo existence between the top flight and the Second Division. This season is their fourth in the First Division in that time.
- Norwich's early years were not without some controversy. After being formed following a meeting called by two schoolmasters - at the Criterion Cafe - they were shocked when an F.A. Commission in 1904 declared them professional and ejected them from the Amateur Cup.
- Last season was the Canaries best-ever in the First Division when they finished fourth and kept up a strong challenge in the chase for the championship until the very late stages of the season. They also reached the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup.
- One of the most famous previous meetings between

the Town and Norwich was an F.A. Cup semi-final in 1959 which we won after a replay, a Billy Bingham goal settling the issue at St Andrew's Birmingham. Norwich were a Third Division side at the time.

● Current Norwich manager Dave Stringer has spent most of his career at the club. He took over in 1987. He began his career with the Canaries and was a stalwart defender in the team which reached the Football League Cup final twice in the early 1970's.

● Stringer is the 13th Norwich boss since the war. Their previous managers were: Cyril Spiers, Duggie Lochhead, Norman Low, Tom Parker, Archie Macaulay, Willie Reid, George Swindin, Ron Ashman, Lol Mortan, Ron Saunders, John Bond and Ken Brown.

● Scottish striker Robert Fleck was the Canaries' leading goalscorer last season and made an early impact with his marksmanship this season as they began with another impressive run of away form. Last week they beat Chelsea 2-0 to go third with Fleck hitting his sixth goal this term.

● In their opening four away matches, they won three and drew only one - at Liverpool. They did not concede a goal in any of the games. Their victories came at Sheffield Wednesday, Manchester United and Millwall. Remarkably, they were held 4-4 at home by Southampton.



Back Row (left to right): Mike Flynn, Andy Townsend, Tim Sherwood, Andy Linighan, Paul Cook, Adrian Pennock, Dean Coney. Middle Row: Tim Sheppard (Physiotherapist), Jeremy Goss, Andy Theodosiou, Jonathan Sheffield, Ian Butterworth, Bryan Gunn, Robert Rosario, Mark Walton, Ian Culverhouse, Ian Crook, David Williams (Assistant Manager). Front Row: David Smith, Malcolm Allen, David Phillips, Robert Fleck, David Stringer (Manager), Dale Gordon, Mark Bowen, Ruel Fox, Jason Minett.

FIRST TEAM UPDATE 1989-90 SEASON

BARCLAYS FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
8	2	1	0	12	1	Liverpool	3	2	0	9	3	18
8	4	1	0	12	0	Arsenal	1	1	1	3	5	17
9	1	4	0	9	7	Norwich City	3	1	0	5	0	17
9	4	0	1	11	7	Everton	1	1	2	3	5	16
9	2	3	0	8	3	Chelsea	2	0	2	5	6	15
9	1	2	1	6	6	Southampton	3	1	1	11	9	15
9	3	1	1	9	4	Millwall	1	1	2	6	10	14
9	3	0	1	5	3	Coventry	1	1	3	2	7	13
9	2	1	1	6	4	Nottingham Forest	1	2	2	5	5	12
9	2	2	1	6	5	Aston Villa	1	1	2	3	4	12
9	2	1	2	6	6	Derby	1	1	2	2	3	11
8	2	0	1	6	7	Tottenham Hotspur	1	2	2	7	8	11
9	3	1	1	6	3	Crystal Palace	0	1	3	2	15	11
9	3	1	1	11	5	Manchester City	0	0	4	2	10	10
9	1	1	2	3	5	Queens Park Rangers	1	2	2	6	6	9
9	2	2	1	4	2	LUTON TOWN	0	1	3	2	6	9
8	2	1	1	9	4	Manchester United	0	1	3	4	11	8
9	1	1	2	4	5	Wimbledon	0	4	1	4	6	8
9	1	1	2	4	4	Charlton Athletic	0	2	3	3	7	6
9	1	2	1	2	3	Sheffield Wednesday	0	1	4	0	13	6

LEADING SCORERS: (league and cup) 7 Newell (Everton), 6 Barnes (Liverpool), Rush (Liverpool), Wegerle (Luton), Fleck (Norwich), Saunders (Derby), Sherringham (Millwall), Thomas (Arsenal), Francis (QPR).

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

	League		Littlewoods Cup		FA Cup	
	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls
David Beaumont	9	-	2	-	-	-
Kingsley Black	9	2	1(1)	-	-	-
Tim Breacker	9	-	2	-	-	-
Alec Chamberlain	9	-	2	-	-	-
Richard Cooke	(4)	-	-	-	-	-
Iain Dowie	(1)	-	-	-	-	-
John Dreyer	9	-	2	1	-	-
Lars Elstrup	5(2)	-	2	5	-	-
Sean Farrell	(1)	-	-	-	-	-
Paul Gray	-	-	-	-	-	-
Richard Harvey	1(5)	-	-	-	-	-
Julian James	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marvin Johnson	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mick Kennedy	8	-	2	-	-	-
Darron McDonough	7	-	1	-	-	-
David Preece	9	-	2	1	-	-
Graham Rodger	1	-	1	-	-	-
Les Sealey	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roy Wegerle	9	2	2	4	-	-
Steve Williams	5	-	1	-	-	-
Danny Wilson	9	2	2	-	-	-

As at September 20, 1989

Luton Town F-A Att Pos 1

Aug 19	Tottenham Hotspur	1-2	17,668	-	Chamberlain
Aug 22	Sheffield Wednesday	2-0	9,503	-	Chamberlain
Aug 26	Liverpool	0-0	11,124	10	Chamberlain
Aug 30	Queens Park Rangers	0-0	10,565	11	Chamberlain
Sept 9	Charlton Athletic	1-0	8,859	7	Chamberlain
Sept 16	Coventry City	0-1	11,152	8	Chamberlain
Sept 19	Mansfield Town (LC2-1)	4-3	5,361	8	Chamberlain
Sept 23	Wimbledon	1-1	8,449	10	Chamberlain
Sept 30	Manchester City	1-3	23,863	14	Chamberlain
Oct 3	Mansfield Town (LC2-2)	7-2	6,519	14	Chamberlain
Oct 14	Aston Villa	0-1	9,433	16	Chamberlain
Oct 21	Norwich City				
Oct 24	Everton (LC3)				
Oct 28	Millwall				
Nov 4	Derby County				
Nov 8	Oxford United (ZDC)				
Nov 11	Crystal Palace				
Nov 18	Manchester United				
Nov 25	Southampton				
Dec 2	Tottenham Hotspur				
Dec 9	Sheffield Wednesday				
Dec 16	Arsenal				
Dec 26	Nottingham Forest				
Dec 30	Chelsea				
Jan 1	Everton				
Jan 6	FA Cup 3rd Round				
Jan 13	Liverpool				
Jan 20	Queens Park Rangers				
Jan 27	FA Cup 4th Round				
Feb 3	Wimbledon				
Feb 10	Coventry City				
Feb 17	Charlton Athletic				
Feb 14	Southampton				
Mar 3	Manchester Utd				
Mar 10	Aston Villa				
Mar 17	Manchester City				
Mar 24	Millwall				
Mar 31	Norwich City				
Apr 7	Chelsea				
Apr 14	Everton				
Apr 16	Nottingham Forest				
Apr 21	Arsenal				
Apr 28	Crystal Palace				
May 5	Derby County				
May 12	FA Cup Final				

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Breacker	McDonough	Beaumont	Dreyer	Wilson	(Williams)	(Preece)	Black	Wegerle ¹	Kennedy	[Harvey]	[Dowie]
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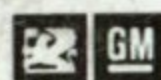
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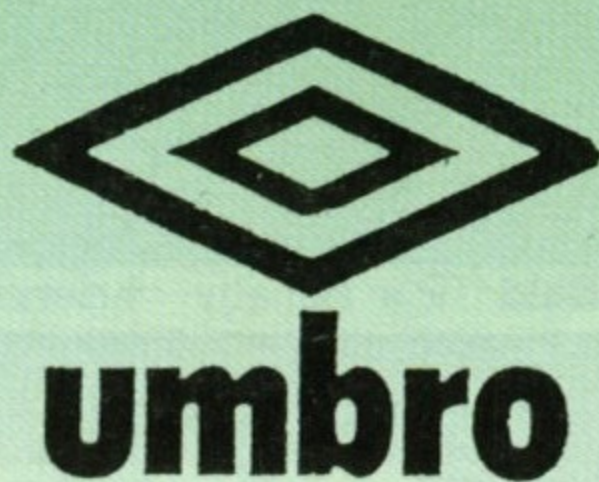
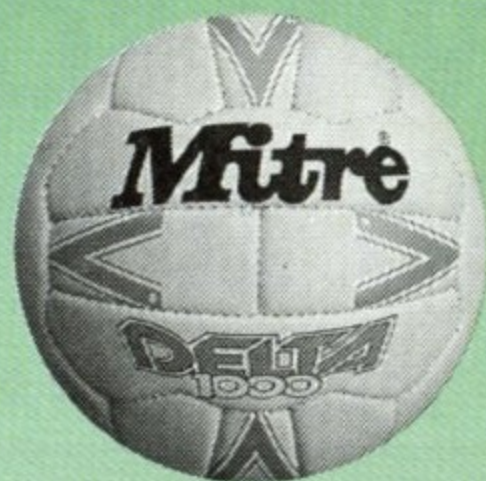
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- 2 Tim Breacker
- 3 John Dreyer ¹
- 4 Danny Wilson ¹
- 5 Graham Rodger
- 6 David Beaumont
- 7 Steve Williams ¹
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- 9 Lars Elstrup
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- 3 Mark Bowen
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- 5 Andy Linighan
- 6 Andy Townsend
- 7 Dale Gordon
- 8 Robert Fleck
- 9 Robert Rosario
- 10 Ian Crook
- 11 David Phillips

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