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RAY'S REVIEW

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to our visitors Tottenham Hotspur. In spite of everything that has happened in the last three matches, the spirit of the players has been first class as we approach this match and I hope we can take all three points and provide an exciting match today. As everyone well knows, we were beaten by Manchester United in an open and entertaining game and then lost twice heavily away from home. Our recent defensive frailties have been exposed, but we have looked very good going forward and I am sure we will get over this spell of injuries and enjoy a run of better results.

Anyone who was at Selhurst Park last Monday for the Zenith Data Systems Cup tie will have already drawn his or her own conclusions from what they saw happening on the pitch and it is not my intention to further the debate on that match here in print this afternoon. Suffice to say, we are awaiting the referee's report with interest as I write and no further comment can be made. The fact we were down to nine players obviously contributed to our defeat, but I felt we showed we were capable of playing some very good football and we also had two players making very impressive debuts in the senior side. The defeat at Southampton is less easy to explain away. We were exposed defensively.

The other side of the coin during this run has been the performance we have seen from our younger players. It is very difficult to make your debut let alone in a team that is down to nine men or away from home and under pressure. This is particularly so for defenders. If you are a forward you can perform skills and look good and then, if you make a mistake, you are forgiven. It is not the same in defence where lack of experience can be punished very severely and without any mercy. We know we face a difficult game today against a team with a reputation for playing good football. After three poor results, we shall be going flat out to win. Thankyou for your support.

Ray Harford



Mailbag & Supporters News

Want to air your views?

Please write to: The Editor, c/o Luton Town FC., Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds. LU4 8AW.

Five-a-sides for Juniors

Dear Sir
Commencing in February 1990, the Centre is hoping to organise Junior Indoor Five-a-Side Football Leagues for teams in the Under 14's and Under 12's age groups. We are currently looking for six teams (per age group) who would like to take part and I would ask that if possible could you please mention this in one of your home programmes, preferably before the New Year. In past years I have written to you asking for your help and you have always been kind enough to have something printed.

Many thanks and once again I hope you will be able to give us some assistance.

Yours faithfully

Ed Watson

Assistant Manager
Putteridge Recreation Centre,
Putteridge Road,
Stopsley,
Luton

Editors Note: Come on lads, lots of applications in to Mr. Watson.

LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB

Dear Fellow Supporter

We are sure that all our members share with the committee the sense of sadness and loss at hearing of the tragic death of Luton Town's former secretary John Wilkinson.

John will be greatly missed at all levels of local football. We send our sincere sympathy to his widow Mary and son Neil. A donation has been sent by the committee to the British Heart Foundation in memory of John.

I must say a big thank you to Ron Howard, who was guest speaker at our recent supporters club meeting.

He was superb and what interesting stories he had to tell.

Pam Gray
Chairperson

Monday 4th December 7.30 is the date for our first "chat show" with special guests Danny Wilson and Roy Wegerle. Tickets available today after the match £2 each.

Every supporter club member will be receiving their newsletter in the post shortly. For those who haven't yet joined the Supporters Club, but do like reading the newsletters, we have a limited number to sell £1 per copy after the next home match.

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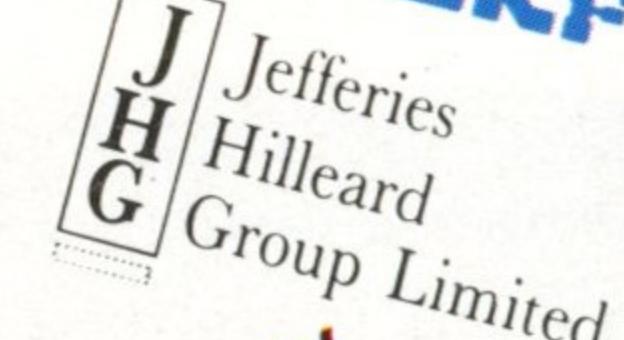
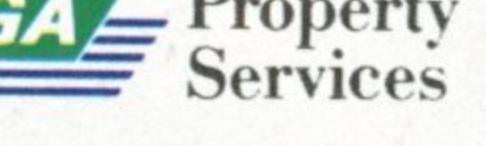
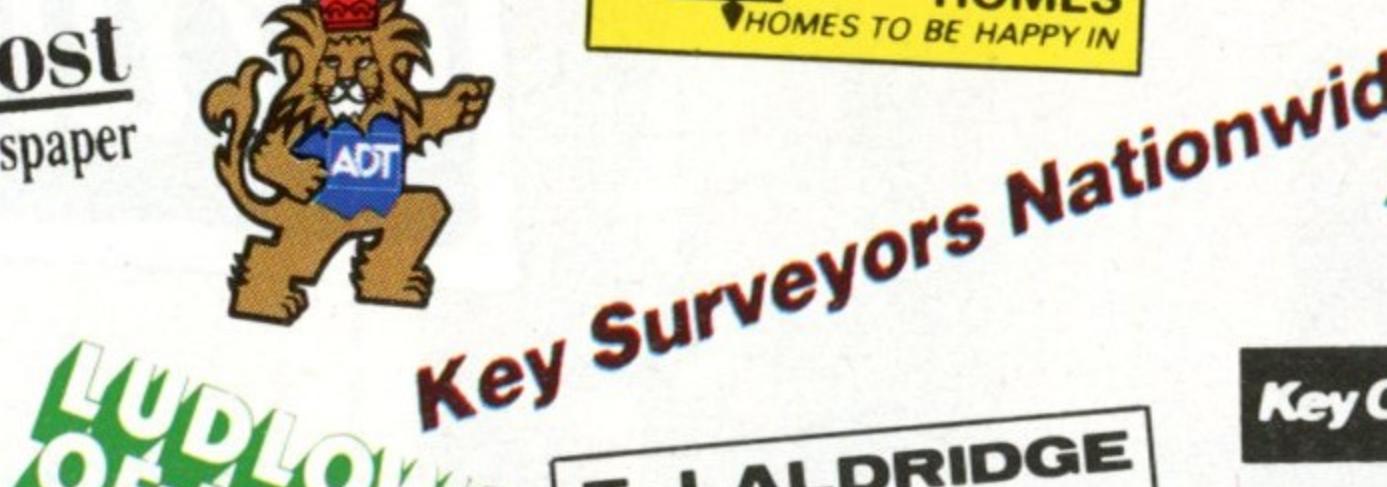
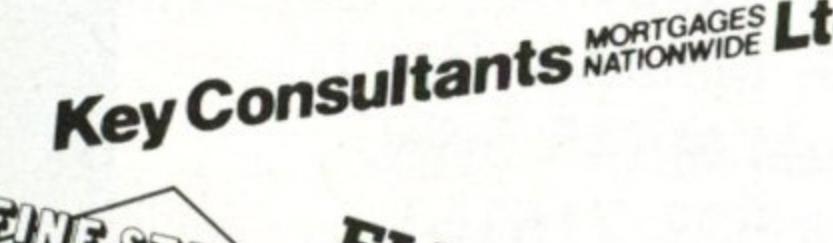
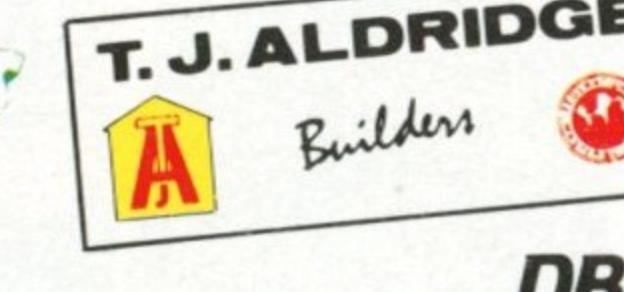
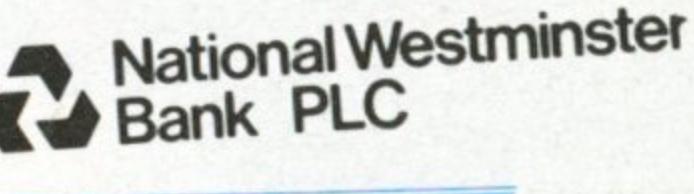
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The park-and-ride shuttle buses leave the car park at the I.B.C. car park junction of Kimpton Road and Airport Way from 1.30pm onwards on match days.

They run to Kenilworth Road at 13.40, 13.55, 14.15 and 14.30. For the return journey after the match the buses leave immediately the game is over with the last bus running at 16.55.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain started his career as an outfield player and was once coached by a 1966 World Cup winner? Full story on page 19.

YOUNG EAGLES

The Barclays League 'Young Eagles' for November were Steve Redmond of Manchester City (North-West), Stuart Ripley of Middlesbrough (North-East), Kevin Ashley of Birmingham City (Midlands), Rodney Wallace of Southampton (London/South) and Stuart Slater of West Ham (London/East Anglia).

JOHN WILKINSON A TRUE FRIEND OF FOOTBALL

It was with deep sadness and shock that we heard of the death of our former club secretary John Wilkinson on Monday, November 20, 1989. John died suddenly at his home in Carnegie Gardens, Luton. He was 58. He leaves his wife Mary and son Neil.

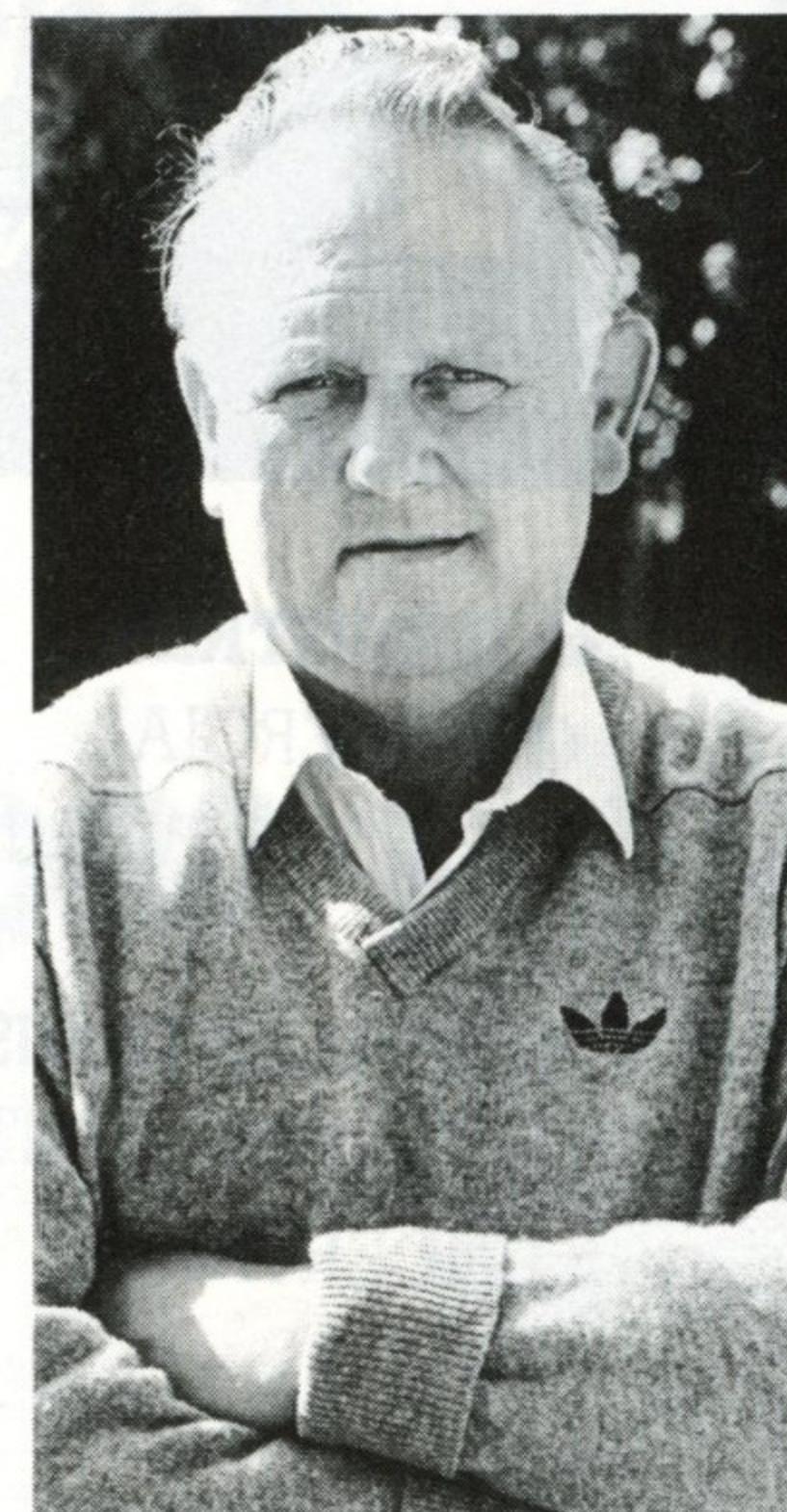
To anyone who knew him during his 40-year connection with Luton Town, John will always be synonymous with his love of football and with this club in particular. From 1945, when he came as a schoolboy player, to 1985, when he left after nine years as the man in the secretary's office, John was always closely associated with the affairs of Kenilworth Road and his passing is a sad loss to all his many friends in Luton and in the sport he loved.

Born in Luton in January 1931, John first came to Kenilworth Road as an aspiring 14-year-old player in 1945. He was an enthusiastic full-back and went on to play in every position except goalkeeper for the club's junior teams.

A knee injury ended his playing ambitions in 1951 when he was 20 and he then embarked on a career with Luton Town which took him from youth team trainer to club shop manager and a host of other roles on his way to succeeding Bob Redhead in the club secretary's office in 1976.

Throughout his long association with the club, John's great enthusiasm and humour always shone through. He was a man much loved by his colleagues and the match-day staff who worked for him every weekend.

He was warm and honest and remained a true fan of Luton Town even after his



•John Wilkinson.

departure from the club in 1985. His knowledge of players and administrators and the post-war history of the club was unrivalled as many an inquiring called found out.

His love of football was deep. After leaving Kenilworth Road, he worked for Bedfordshire County Council and at weekends for BBC Radio Bedfordshire as a football reporter whose knowledge and enthusiasm were always respected.

He was known throughout the game and all over the country as a great ambassador for Luton Town and football and the turnout of mourners at his funeral on Friday, November 24, at Streatley Parish Church was a clear signal of the esteem and affection in which he was held by all those who knew him.

As a mark of respect for John, the players will be wearing black armbands today. The club sends its deepest sympathy to his family.

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Seats costing £7 for adults and £4 for Senior Citizens or Juniors are available from the ticket office for this match. There are no standing tickets available for this match. Seats available on the day.

Arsenal v Luton Town Saturday, December 16, 1989, kick-off 3pm

Seats costing £6 will be available for this match. No reductions. Anyone wishing to stand at Highbury can pay £5 on the day.

Luton Town v Nottingham Forest Tuesday, December 26, 1989, kick-off 11.30am

Please note that this fixture on Boxing Day has a morning kick-off time. The park-and-ride scheme, which came into operation this afternoon, will not be in operation on Boxing Day. The scheme will operate only on Saturdays and will be back in action on December 30 when Chelsea are the attractive visitors to Kenilworth Road. Normal guesing facilities on Boxing Day.

F.A. Cup third round January 6, 1990

If we are drawn at home, the ticket arrangements will be: December 1989-Monday 18 to Saturday 23 Season Ticket Holders; Sunday 24 Closed; Monday 25 Closed; Tuesday 26 Season Ticket Holders (after match only); Wednesday 27 Members General Sale; Saturday 30 Members General Sale (after match only); Sunday 31 Closed; Jan 1990-Monday 1 Closed; Tuesday 2 to Saturday 6 Members General Sale. Further details will be announced later.

FORTHCOMING MATCHES AT KENILWORTH ROAD

Southern Junior Floodlit Cup

Luton Town v Arsenal
Tuesday, December 12, 1989
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Luton Town v Norwich City
Saturday, December 16, 1989
Kick-off 2.00pm.

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F.A. Youth Cup 2nd round replay Luton Town v Arsenal

Wednesday, December 6, 1989, kick-off 7pm

If the scores are level after extra time the result will be decided by the toss of a coin. We also play Arsenal in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup here on December 12.

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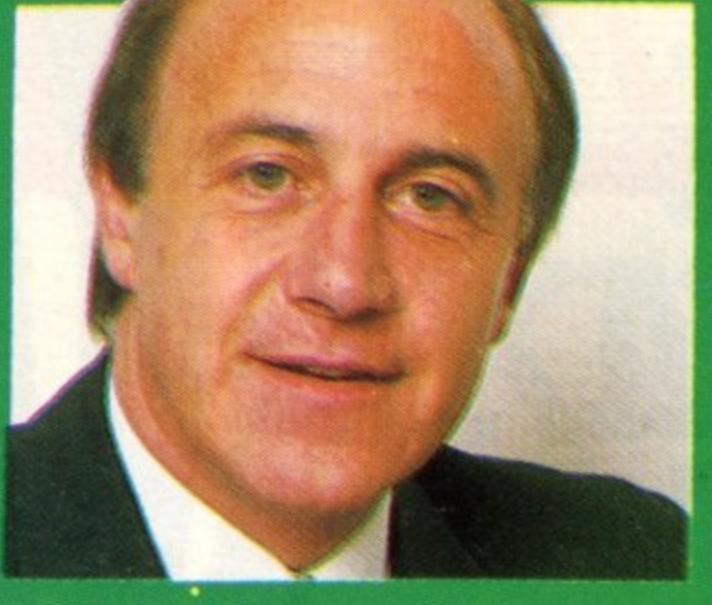
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IN THE TOWN

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SCOUTING TALK



• Ron Howard, our chief scout, was the guest speaker at last week's meeting of the Luton Town Supporters' Club. Next week, on Monday, Danny Wilson and Roy Wegerle are due at the club as guest speakers. Details on page 6.

Welcome to Tottenham Hotspur and our former players Mitchell Thomas and Paul Walsh. We have had a testing time and some very sad news in the two weeks since my last notes and I am sure both Mitchell and Paul will, like all of us, have felt deeply saddened by the death of our former club secretary John Wilkinson.

I worked alongside John here at Kenilworth Road for five very happy years and knew at first hand what a marvellous, warm and cheerful character he was. The great number of players, officials and representatives of the club past and present who attended his funeral showed the great affection and respect we all felt for him. He will be deeply missed by everyone in football.

We were very pleased with the hard core attendance from among our membership of 21,000 for the last home match against Manchester United when we decided to do away with the guesting procedure and put members first for such an attractive fixture.

The attendance, however, was not large enough to persuade us to continue with the policy again today for another exciting match for which, incidentally, all seats were sold in advance.

Earlier this week, as everyone will

know, we were involved in a controversial match at Crystal Palace. It has always been our policy to respect the referee's decision as final and we have our own strong internal disciplinary system at Luton. On this occasion, we await the referee's report with great interest.

The night after our senior team's disappointment in the Zenith Data Cup, our youth side went to Highbury and held Arsenal's youngsters to a well-deserved 2-2 draw. Our team included Alan O'Sullivan who had to turn down the chance of Republic of Ireland international honours by playing that night.

youth team

The replay will take place here at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday, December 6, kick-off 7pm. We have a very talented and hard-working young team and I do urge you to come along and give them your support.

Finally, our synthetic pitch has been undergoing tests by En Tout Cas this week in conjunction with the Football League. The tests have established that our new surface, relaid in the summer, passes all the stringent conditions of the Winterbottom Report.

Friendship rewarded:

Bev Tyler and Donna Wells, on behalf of our Junior Hatters, are pictured receiving a special Friendship Award from the Southampton Junior Supporters Club at the Dell last Saturday. The friendship between the clubs is a great sign for the future.



•Ball sponsor: David Boniface of J & B Business Forms was our match ball sponsor against Manchester United. He is pictured with Iain Dowie.



•Top Hatter: Danny Wilson was our goalscorer and our sponsors' man of the match against Manchester United. He is pictured with our chairman Brian Cole.



•Big match line-up: United and England captain Bryan Robson and our own skipper Danny Wilson are pictured with mascot Julian Dealey before the United clash two weeks ago.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY



DANNY WILSON

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If I were to tell you my real feelings last Monday night after being sent off against Crystal Palace I am sure they would be unprintable. I was furious and so were all the team after what had happened.

But that seems to be the way things are going at the moment. We have had a terrible run with injuries and had a reshuffled team out when it happened. And I thought we were doing well and looking very comfortable at 1-0 up in the first half.

Important games

To be honest, I could not believe what had happened. I had never been sent off previously since I was 17 and David Preece had never been sent off before in his career. You can only imagine what we felt.

Now we have a run of very important league games to concentrate on starting today against Spurs. We need some points after the last few weeks and, once again, your vocal support can really help. The lads really do appreciate it.

This is the last home match before December 25, so on behalf of all the players I hope all our fans have a very Happy Christmas. See you on Boxing Day.

EAGLES GROUNDED BY WILSON

Crystal Palace 1 Luton Town 1

The Town extended their unbeaten run to four matches and in the process took their third point from four visits to London in the Barclays League Division One this season when they held Crystal Palace 1-1 on their own ground on November 11.

A second-half close-range equaliser by captain Danny Wilson, after a thunderous shot by Kingsley Black had rebounded from the woodwork, secured a well-deserved point. With better luck, it might have been two.

Ill fortune had reared its ugly head again in the first half when David Beaumont became the third established senior central defender this season to go down with a long-term injury. He limped off after only 24 minutes to join Darron McDonough and Graham Rodger on the treatment table.

John Dreyer moved inside to centre-half alongside Marvin Johnson with Richard Harvey coming on at left-back and the emergency back four did an excellent job in inspiring a recovery from Mark Bright's 14th minute opening goal.

The equaliser came after 58 minutes when Black's tremendous shot was tipped on to the bar by Brian Parkin and Alex Dyer, in attempting to clear, sliced the ball against the woodwork again. It fell invitingly for Wilson to score his fourth goal of the season.

Teams: Crystal Palace - Parkin, Pemberton, Dennis, Gray, Hopkins, Dyer, McGoldrick, Thomas, Bright, Wright, Pardew.

Luton Town - Chamberlain, Breacker, Dreyer, Wilson, Johnson, Beaumont, (Harvey 24), Williams, Dowie, Elstrup, (Wegerle 72), Kennedy, Black.

Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymore).

Attendance: 8,000

1st Team ACTION



• Eagles winged: Iain Dowie, Lars Elstrup, Danny Wilson and Mick Kennedy are pictured in action at Selhurst Park on November 11 when Danny Wilson's goal secured us a point from a 1-1 draw. Pictures by Josh Levy of Apex Photography of Milton Keynes.

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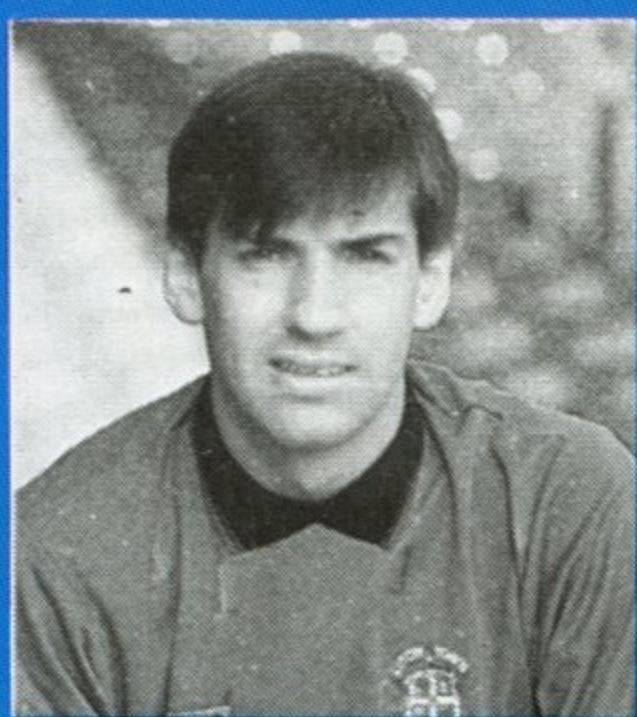
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ALEC CHAMBERLAIN

ALEC CHAMBERLAIN FACT FILE

Born: March, Cambridgeshire 20.8.64
 First club: Ipswich Town.
 Other clubs: Colchester United and Everton
 League debut: Colchester v Hartlepool,
 2.1.82 (4-1)
 Joined Luton Town: July, 1988
 Luton Town league debut: Luton Town v Coventry
 City 15.4.89 (2-2)

concentrate on again now. I am sure we will do it and be a very difficult side to beat again."

Alec has had the benefit of advice and coaching from some very experienced goalkeepers during his football career. But, he admitted, he only became a goalkeeper by chance.

"When I was younger I was always an outfield player and I only went in goal by accident when our first team goalie broke his leg. I said I would give it a go and I did quite well...I have stayed there ever since."

At Ipswich, Alec's first club, he was unlucky and broke a wrist, but he had the benefit of coaching from veteran John Jackson. At his next club, Colchester, he was under the wing of the equally experienced Mick Walker and learned even more.

Specialist work

"I didn't miss a game in four years at Colchester," said Alec. "And touch wood, I have steered clear of any serious injuries since the wrist at Ipswich. The last thing we want here now is any more injuries anyway... We need an injury-free run."

At his third professional club, Alec was able to do specialist goalkeeping work with Everton's Welsh international goalkeeper Neville Southall and had regular coaching sessions with England's 1966 World Cup-winning goalkeeper Gordon Banks.

"That was a terrific experience for me and I really enjoyed it," he said, "but I did not want to stay in the reserves forever. Now, after winning a place in the first team and dislodging Les, I know I have to stay on my toes. It is never easy."



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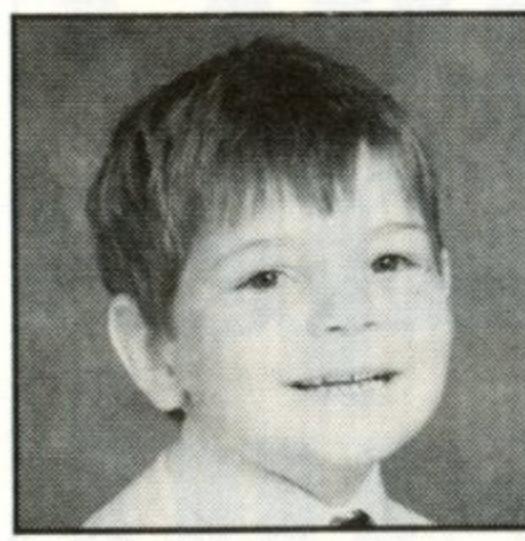
- Roll up! Roll up! Only a few tickets remain to our Junior Hatters Christmas party. It is going to be held in the Holy Ghost Church Hall in Westborne Road, Luton, on Monday, December 11, 7pm-9pm.
- You can book your tickets this afternoon if you go to the Sports Shop in Oak Road after the match. Remember to take your membership card with you.
- It was great last weekend to see so many Junior Hatters meeting us off the coach at Southampton. I hope you enjoyed the match as much as you did playing against the Junior Saints in the morning. The result was a big disappointment but there were plenty of goals for the crowd.
- Did you know we were given a special award at The Dell last Saturday? Turn to page 14 to read the story and see a special picture.
- Today we welcome Spurs and two of our former favourite Hatters, Mitchell Thomas and Paul Walsh to Kenilworth Road. Give them a good hand – and then cheer us to victory!
- Our lucky Junior Hatters membership number today is 170004. The winner is Simon Woolf. Well done, Simon. You have won two free tickets to one of our home matches, but you must remember to take your membership card with you to show Bev Tyler in the Sports Shop in Oak Road when you collect them.
- The lucky number in our other draw this week is 170074 and the winner is Alexander Boyd. Congratulations, Alex, you have won a sports bag sponsored by Spearman International.

WISHING YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

- Did you know this is our last home match before Christmas? Well it is. So, I wish you all a very happy Christmas. And don't forget to come along and support us on Boxing Day when we are at home to Nottingham Forest with an early kick-off at 11.30am.

Kingsley Black

MASCOT

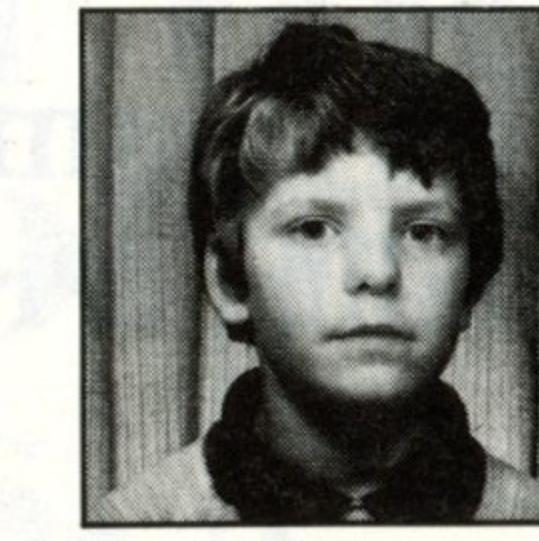


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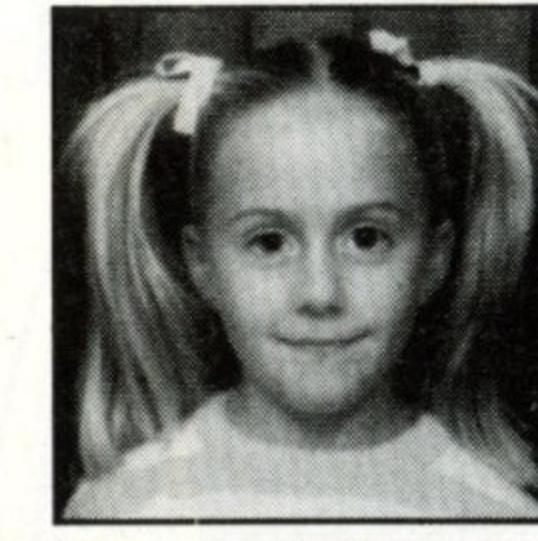
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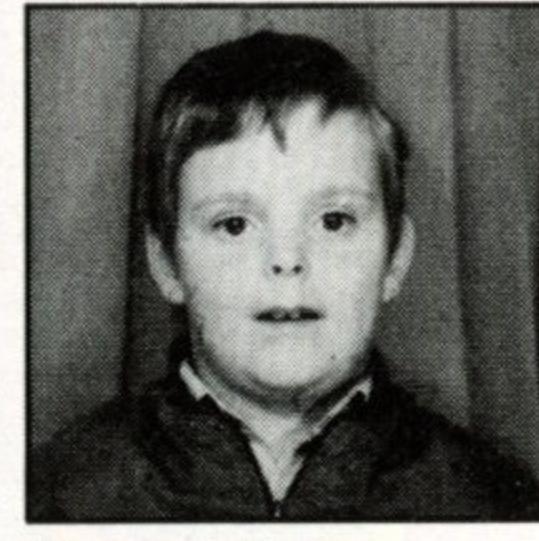
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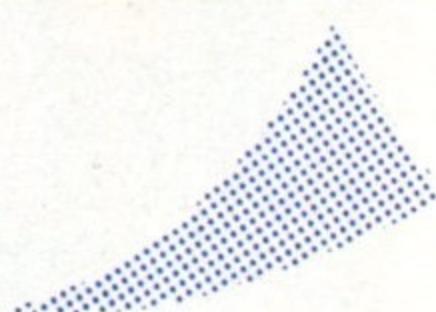
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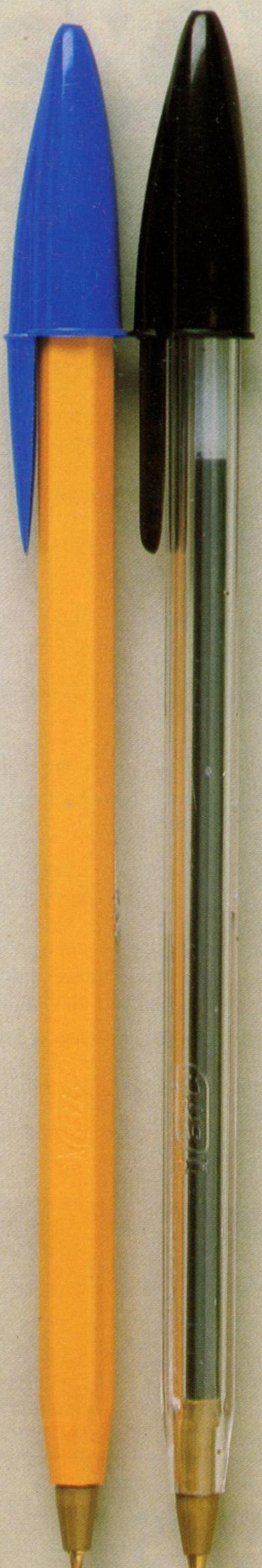


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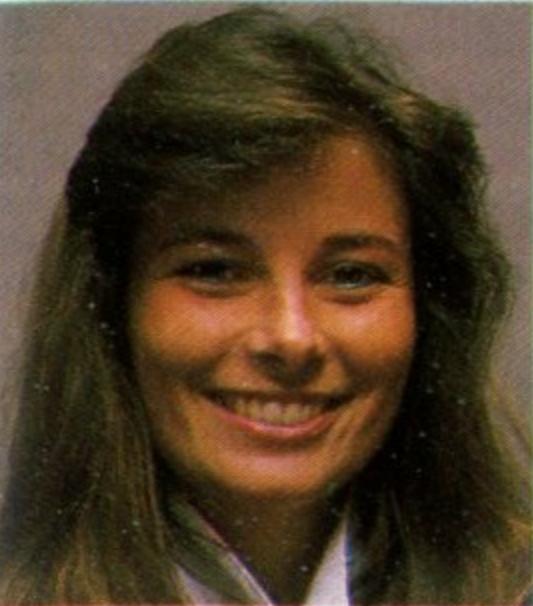
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BY WENDY GRZYBOWSKA

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The recently-launched Luton initiative mirrored for the town what Vauxhall aims for in its own facilities - to emphasise the positive and show a fresh and lively face that can only enhance the image of the whole area.

Vauxhall are engaged in a massive £50 million redevelopment of their Luton site... old, dilapidated buildings will disappear to be replaced by modern facilities that more truly reflect the company's high technology operations.

There will be extensive landscaping and developers will turn surplus land into new business parks, light industrial complexes and non-food retail outlets to provide a new environment.

It is part of the new era. Luton's Looking Up. Vauxhall's Looking Up - with record sales and the Luton-built Cavalier close to becoming Britain's top selling car. We wish Vauxhall and all their guests an entertaining afternoon.

Our match day boxes today are taken by Prestige Cleaning Services Ltd and Legal and General Assurance Society Ltd. I hope they enjoy their day at Kenilworth Road.

The Family Enclosure is sponsored today by St Albans District Council. The council is promoting a star-studded pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk at the City Hall, St Albans, this Christmas. The show includes Suzanne Dando, Geoff Capes and Bernie Winters and runs twice daily for three weeks from December 14 (Box Office 0727 44488).

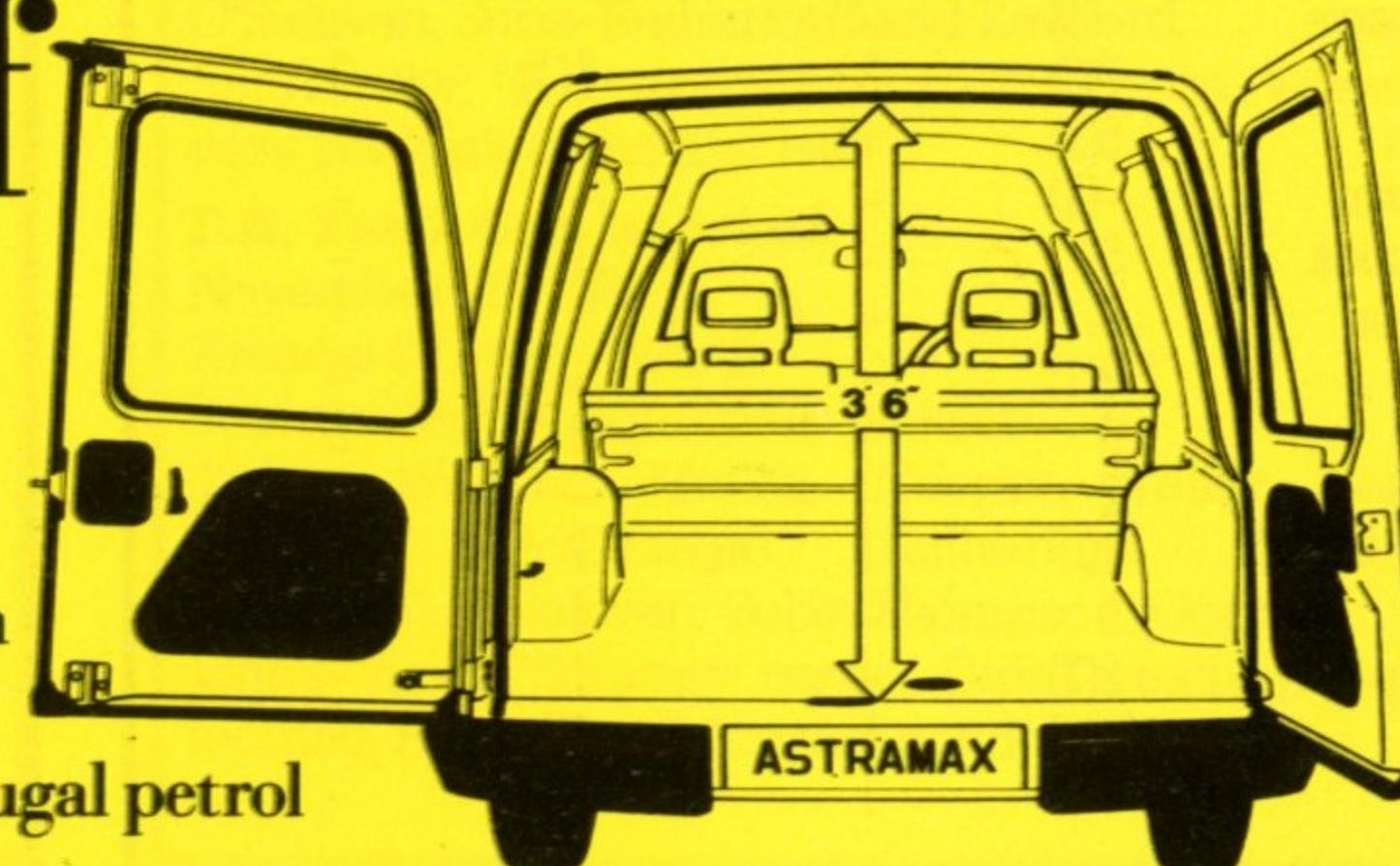
Boxing Day Feast

We have arranged a special day for family and friends on Boxing Day when we meet Nottingham Forest with an 11.30 am kick-off. It includes a chance to see behind the scenes, meet the players and enjoy a festive hot breakfast before watching the match from the main stand. Prices are £57.50 (adults) and £34.50 (children). For more information, contact me at the club on Luton 411622.

Today's MATCH SPONSOR

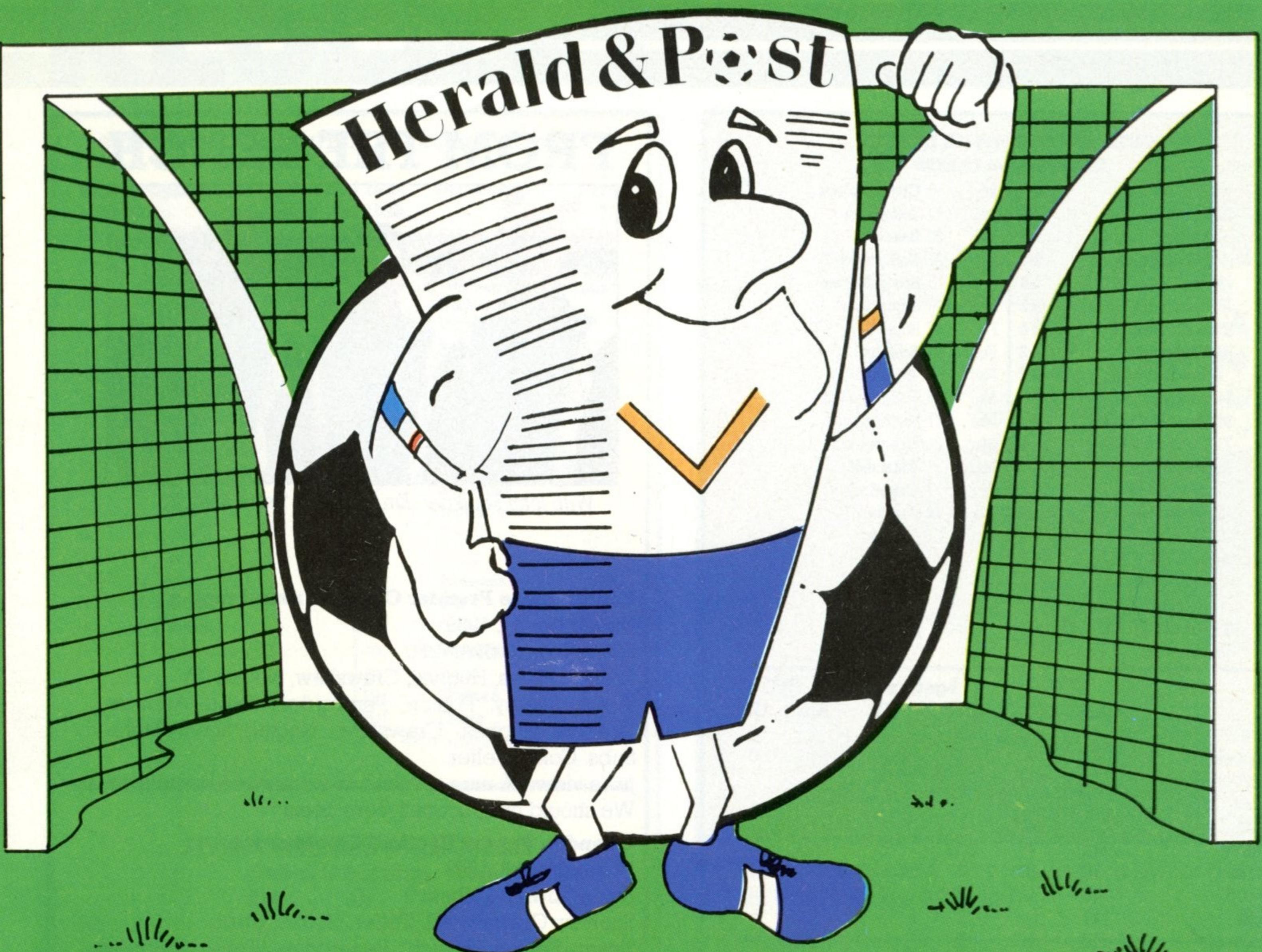
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ITALIA '90 IS PAUL'S SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

By Tim Collings

Next year's World Cup finals in Italy may not be graced by any of our current crop of international talent, but that does not mean we will be entirely without Lutonian interest in the finals if one of our most popular former players has his way.

Paul Elliott, currently enjoying his football with Glasgow Celtic in the Scottish Premier Division, certainly believes he deserved a chance of proving to England manager Bobby Robson that he warrants at least a place in the squad for Italia '90

A former England under-21 international during his time at Kenilworth Road, Paul looked assured of making smooth progress to the senior squad before a broken leg brought his career to a halt. Steve Foster was signed and, although Paul fought back for his first team place after recovering, it was soon clear that the former Charlton man's days as a Hatter were over.

Having established himself as a favourite after 66 appearances and four goals for the Town, Paul moved on to Aston Villa and then, in 1987, to Pisa in Italy. There he created a name as one of the most athletic and quick defenders in the peninsula, but only once attracted a visit from the England manager.

"Mr Robson came out to watch me but that is as far as it went," said Paul. "I hope now that I'm back in Britain I can raise my profile again and get selected. Scottish football is really blossoming and I had no qualms about playing there

especially with a big club like Celtic.

"In England, the First Division has only four or five top clubs but the Scottish Premier League is much more competitive and much tighter."

Paul joined Celtic last close season and, after shaking off an early season injury, has started to capture the imagination of the Parkhead fans in just the same way he had the supporters in Italy for the previous two years.

The Italian experience obviously gave Paul a chance to learn all about man-to-man marking and the highly-technical style of play which has given the Serie A its reputation as the best league in the world, but he fears such qualities – and his intimate knowledge of Italy and the Italians themselves – are unlikely to help him into the England team.

"Both Terry Butcher and Des Walker have been very good," he conceded. "They haven't conceded any goals during the World Cup and this is a fine record. But I'm only 25 and I'm not going to give up hope. Now I am playing for Celtic that should really help my cause."

Paul, of course, is not the only former Hatter of recent years to find his way abroad into European football. Ricky Hill is currently in France with Le Havre and Brian Stein with Caen (both enjoying good seasons) while Ashley Grimes has gone to Spain where he has teamed up with former Eire team-mate Kevin Moran at Osasuna of Pamplona.



•Paul Elliott in action against Birmingham City in November 1983.



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• Lars Elstrup sends in a cross from the left during last weekend's 6-3 defeat by Southampton at the Dell. Lars, John Dreyer and Kingsley Black were our goalscorers.



• David Preece goes close to sliding the ball home at the Dell last Saturday.

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CCTV is only one of The Football Trust's many initiatives. Each year it receives over £9.5 million from the Spotting-the-Ball competition run by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zetters and spends it on projects that benefit all levels of the game throughout the United Kingdom.



•Eyes on the ball: Iain Dowie concentrates hard as he takes control and prepares to set up another Town attack at the Dell last weekend.

OFF THE RECORD

HOW FAMILIARITY BRED CUP CONTEMPT

By Roger Wash

Although Luton Town has been playing in the F.A. Cup since their formation in 1885, Tottenham, formed three years earlier, did not enter the competition until 1894.

Both the Town and Spurs had entered at the 1st qualifying round stage and after such sides as West Herts (now Watford), Wolverton and St Albans had been seen off, the two teams met in the fourth qualifying round in North London.

Although the first game finished level at 2-2, the superior fitness of the Town showed in the replay as the amateurs from Tottenham were soundly beaten 4-0.

"Tottenham's sometimes laboured movements in the second half proved they were not so well trained a side as the winners," wrote one reporter with the understatement of the time.

Revenge was sweet, however, for the following season the two teams met again at the first stage of the competition. This time Tottenham caused one of the upsets of the day in winning 2-1 at Dallow Lane.

"Thousands outside Luton I am sure looked twice at the figures in cold print and half suspected that the telegraph clerk had been playing a joke," wrote the Luton News, pointing out that Spurs played without their influential skipper who had fallen downstairs the previous Thursday.

Obviously someone at the F.A. felt the two sides were evenly matched and made sure they met again in 1896-97, but this time the Town won 3-0 to progress to the First Round proper and a tie against then-mighty West Bromwich Albion.

OUR LAST FIVE MEETINGS AT KENILWORTH ROAD

1988/89	28/3/89	Luton 1 (Foster) Tottenham 3 Att: 11,146
1987/88	21/11/87	Luton 2 (Allinson 2) Tottenham 0 Att: 10,091
1986/87	28/3/87	Luton 3 (Harford, Newell, McDonough) Tottenham 1 Att: 13,447
1985/86	12/4/86	Luton 1 (Newell) Tottenham 1 Att: 13,141
1984/85	2/2/85	Luton 2 (Stein, Nwajiobi) Tottenham 2 Att: 17,511

* Roger Wash is our official club statistician.

Anyone with inquiries or comments please write to him
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IT HAPPENED 20 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK ...

6th December 1969

In the upset of the second round of the F.A. Cup, promotion - chasing Luton, including such players as Malcolm Macdonald and Chris Nicholl, were knocked out 2-1 at non-league Hillingdon. Matt Tees scored the Town's goal before a crowd of 9,330.

IT HAPPENED 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK ...

1st December 1979

The Town won 2-1 at Shrewsbury to push up to third place in the second division table. Brian Stein and Bob Hatton scored the goals for the fifth away win of the season.

This was lost 1-0 before a then-record crowd of 6,898.

The Town's supporters could not believe it when the teams were matched yet again in 1897-98 to make it four seasons running.

This time the Town won narrowly 4-3 away and such was the manner of the victory 'Tottonian', writing to the Luton News, commented "I feel sure you will agree that Luton won solely by foul play. It was not a very gentlemanly action of Davies to strike Hartley in the face; neither was it sportsmanlike to double Cullen up and leave the home team with only 10 men for about 20 minutes of the first half.

"Three of Luton's goals were lucky - No 1, from a penalty-kick for a purely technical infringement of the rules, No 2, from a corner, which people in a position to see declared that the ball was fisted through, and No 3, that miserable winning goal, from a silly foul against the home team. This after three of the visitors had been cautioned for foul play - such is the equality of things."

People began to think it was a fix when in the fifth qualifying round of 1898-99 the teams met again for their annual cup match.

Enough was enough everyone said when the tie went to a second replay after a 1-1 draw at both Luton and Tottenham.

For the last cup match between the teams for 34 years, Tottenham won through, finally, 2-0 at neutral Tufnell Park and, freed of the spectre of Luton, went on to become the first winners of the competition from the Southern League two years later.



•Emeka Nwajiobi was a Town scorer against Spurs here in a 2-2 draw in February 1985. Peter Nicholas made his Luton debut that day in the team which escaped from relegation that season.

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WELCOME TO... TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

● This afternoon we welcome Tottenham Hotspur to Kenilworth Road. Formed in 1882, Spurs are one of the oldest, biggest and most glamorous clubs in the country and also one of the most commercially adventurous.

● They were the first club to "go public" in a blaze of publicity and shares in their public company can now be bought and sold on the stock exchange, but their foundation was much less publicised.

● The original Hotspur Football Club was formed from an older cricket club in 1882. Most of the founders were old boys of the St John's Presbyterian School and Tottenham Grammar School.

● The Casey brothers were well to the fore as the family provided the club's first goalposts - painted blue and white - and their first ball. They adopted the local YMCA as their meeting place, but later settled at the Red House which is still their headquarters, but now known simply as 748 High Road.

● Spurs have won the league championship twice (1951 and 1961) and the F.A. Cup a joint record seven times (1901, 1921, 1961, 1962, 1967, 1981 and 1982). Their 1987 F.A. Cup final defeat was their first in eight appearances in the final.

● Their other chief honours include winning the Football League Cup twice (1971 and 1973), the

European Cup Winners Cup (1963, the first English team to lift a European trophy), and the UEFA Cup twice (1972 and 1984).

● Last season, they finished sixth in the First Division after languishing 20th at the start of November and since then manager Terry Venables has added England striker Gary Lineker (from Barcelona), Wales defender Pat Van den Hauwe (from Everton) and midfielder Steve Sedgley (from Coventry) to his team. The chief departure was that of England forward Chris Waddle who joined Marseille for £4.5 million.

● Venables is Spurs' ninth post-war manager following in the footsteps of Joe Hulme, Arthur Rowe, Jimmy Adamson, Bill Nicholson, Terry Neill, Keith Burkinshaw, Peter Shreeves and David Pleat.

● There have been many connections between the clubs over the years and the current Tottenham team includes two former Hatters who we welcome today: Mitchell Thomas and Paul Walsh.

● Last weekend, Spurs were beaten 2-1 at home by Derby County. It was their sixth defeat in 15 league outings this season. The team was Thorstvedt, Thomas, Van den Hauwe Sedgley, Howells (Walsh 75), Mabbott Samways (Poulsten 80), Gascoigne, Stewart, Lineker and Allen. Paul Stewart scored.



Back Row (left to right): Andy Polston, Paul Stewart, Erik Thorstvedt, Guy Butters, Bobby Mimms, Gary Stevens, Steve Sedgley. Middle Row: Gudni Bergsson, Philip Gray, Brian Statham, Paul Gascoigne, Vinny Samways, David Howells, Nayim, Chris Hughton. Front Row: Paul Walsh, Mark Robson, Terry Fenwick, Gary Mabbott, Gary Lineker, John Polston, Paul Moran.

FIRST TEAM

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APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

	League Aps	Littlewoods Cup Aps	Z.D. Cup Aps	FA Cup Gls	Z.D. Cup Gls
Tim Allpress	—	—	—	—	1
David Beaumont	13	—	3	—	1
Kingsley Black	15	4	2(1)	—	—
Tim Brecker	15	—	3	—	2
Alec Chamberlain	15	—	3	—	2
Richard Cooke	—(4)	—	—	—	1(1)
Iain Dowie	4(3)	1	—(1)	—	2
John Dreyer	15	2	3	1	1
Lars Elstrup	10(3)	2	3	5	—
Sean Farrell	—(1)	—	—	—	—
Paul Gray	—	—	—	—	(2)
Richard Harvey	3(8)	—	1	—	2
Julian James	—(1)	—	—	—	1
Marvin Johnson	4	—	—(1)	—	1
Mick Kennedy	13	—	2	—	1
Darron McDonough	8	—	2	—	—
David Preece	11(1)	—	3	1	2
Graham Rodger	2	—	1	—	—
Les Sealey	—	—	—	—	—
Aaron Tighe	—	—	—	—	1(1)
Roy Wegerle	12(2)	2	3	4	2
Steve Williams	10	1	1	—	—
Danny Wilson	15	5	3	—	2

LEADING LEAGUE GOALSCORERS: Barnes (Liverpool) 10, Platt (Aston Villa) 10, Hughes (Manchester United) 8, Le Tissier (Southampton) 8.

BARCLAYS FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

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15	4	1	1	15	3	Liverpool	4	2	3	14	13	27
15	6	2	0	20	4	Arsenal	2	1	4	7	13	27
15	5	2	1	18	9	Aston Villa	3	1	3	7	6	27
15	3	5	0	15	6	Chelsea	4	1	2	7	6	27
15	3	3	1	17	11	Soton	3	2	3	14	14	23
15	5	0	2	8	7	Coventry	2	2	4	5	12	23
15	3	2	2	9	7	Nottingham Forest	3	2	3	11	7	22
15	2	6	0	12	8	Norwich City	3	1	3	9	9	22
15	4	1	3	14	7	Derby	2	2	3	5	6	21
14	4	2	1	12	5	Manchester United	2	1	4	11	15	21
15	4	0	3	12	11	Tottenham Hotspur	2	3	3	11	12	21
15	5	1	2	15	9	Everton	1	2	4	6	13	21
15	4	2	2	10	6	LUTON TOWN	0	3	4	7	14	17
15	1	2	4	5	10	Wimbledon	2	5	1	7	7	16
15	3	2	3	12	9	Millwall	1	2	4	9	18	16
15	4	2	2	13	10	Crystal Palace	0	2	5	5	22	16
15	3	3	2	9	6	Sheffield Wednesday	1	1	6	1	18	16
15	2	3	2	8	6	Charlton Athletic	1	3	4	4	10	15
15	2	2	3	6	8	Queens Park Rangers	1	4	3	8	11	15
15	4	1	3	14	10	Manchester City	0	2	5	4	18	15

Luton Town	F-A	Att	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	
Aug 19 Tottenham Hotspur	1-2	17,668	—	Chamberlain	Breacker	McDonough	Beaumont	Dreyer	Wilson	(Williams)	(Preece)	Black	Wegerle¹	Kennedy	[Harvey]		
Aug 22 Sheffield Wednesday	2-0	9,503	—	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer	Williams	McDonough	Beaumont	Kennedy	Wegerle	Wilson ^{1P}	Preece	[Farrell]	Harvey		
Aug 26 Liverpool	0-0	11,124	10	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer	(Williams)	McDonough	Beaumont	(Kennedy)	Wegerle	Wilson	Preece	Black	[Elstrup]	[Harvey]	
Aug 30 Queens Park Rangers	0-0	10,565	11	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer	Williams	McDonough	Beaumont	Kennedy	Wegerle	Elstrup	Preece	Black	Harvey	Farrell	
Sept 9 Charlton Athletic	1-0	8,859	7	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer	Wilson^{1P}	McDonough	Beaumont	Kennedy	Wegerle	Elstrup	Preece	Black	[Harvey]	[Cooke]	
Sept 16 Coventry City	0-1	11,152	8	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer	Wilson	(McDonough)	Beaumont	Kennedy	Wegerle	Elstrup	(Preece)	Black	[Harvey]	[Cooke]	
Sept 19 Mansfield Town (LC2-1)	4-3	5,361	8	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer	Wilson	McDonough	Beaumont	Kennedy	Wegerle ²	Elstrup ²	Preece	Black	[Harvey]	[Cooke]	
Sept 23 Wimbledon	1-1	8,449	10	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer	Wilson	(McDonough)	Beaumont	Kennedy	Wegerle ¹	(Elstrup)	Preece	Black	[Harvey]	[Cooke]	
Sept 30 Manchester City	1-3	23,863	14	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer	Wilson	Harvey	Beaumont	(Kennedy)	Wegerle ²	Elstrup ³	Preece	Black ¹	[Johnson]	[Cooke]	
Oct 3 Mansfield Town (LC2-2)	7-2	6,519	14	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer¹	Wilson	Rodger	Beaumont	Kennedy	Wegerle ²	Elstrup ³	Preece	Black	Harvey	Cooke	
Oct 14 Aston Villa	0-1	9,433	16	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer	Wilson	(Rodger)	Beaumont	Williams	(Wegerle)	Elstrup	Preece	Black ¹	[Harvey]	[Dowie]	
Oct 21 Norwich City	4-1	9,038	12	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer¹	Wilson¹	(Rodger)	Beaumont	Williams ¹	Wegerle	Elstrup ¹	Preece	Black ¹	[Johnson]	[Dowie]	
Oct 24 Everton (LC3)	0-3	18,428	12	Chamberlain	Breacker	(Dreyer)	Wilson	McDonough	Beaumont	Harvey	Wegerle	Elstrup ¹	Preece	Black	[Harvey]	[Cooke]	
Oct 28 Millwall	1-1	10,433	14	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer	Wilson	(McDonough)	Beaumont	Williams	(Wegerle)	Dowie ¹	Elstrup	Kennedy	Black	[Harvey]	[Tighe]
Nov 4 Derby County	1-0	8,919	11	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer	Wilson	Johnson	Beaumont	Williams	Dowie ¹	Elstrup	Kennedy	Black	[Preece]	[Gray ¹]	
Nov 8 Oxford United (ZDC)	3-2	1,754	11	Chamberlain	Breacker	Harvey	Wilson	Johnson	Beaumont	(Cooke)	Wegerle	Dowie ²	Kennedy	Black	[Wegerle]	[Harvey]	
Nov 11 Crystal Palace	1-1	8,000	10	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer	Wilson	(Beaumont)	Beaumont	Williams	Dowie ²	(Elstrup)	Preece	Black	[Elstrup]	Preece	
Nov 18 Manchester United	1-3	11,141	13	Chamberlain	Breacker	Harvey	Wilson¹	Johnson	Dreyer	(Williams)	Wegerle	Dowie ¹	Kennedy	Black	[James]	[Wegerle]	
Nov 25 Southampton	3-6	14,014	13	Chamberlain	Breacker	Harvey	Wilson	(Johnson)	Dreyer	(Preece)	Elstrup ¹	Dowie ¹	Dowie ¹	James	(Tighe)	[Gray]	
Nov 27 Crystal Palace (ZDC2)	1-4	3,747	13	Chamberlain	Breacker	Harvey	Wilson	(Allpress)	Dreyer	Preece	Wegerle	Dowie ¹	James	(Tighe)	[Gray]		

MAN IN CHARGE Dennis Hedges (Oxford)

A joinery works manager, Dennis is married and has two grown-up sons. He began refereeing in 1962 in the Oxford Senior League and progressed via the Hellenic and Isthmian Leagues to the Football League list in 1979. He enjoys woodcraft and cricket.



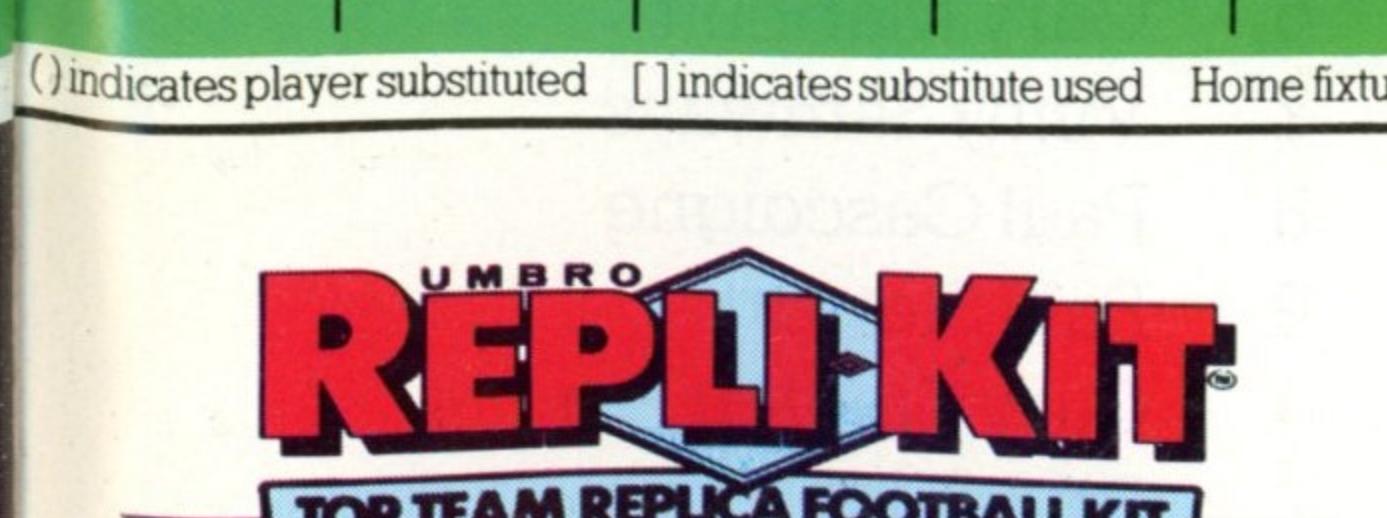
SPURS FORM CHECK - THEIR LAST TEN OUTINGS

Oct 18 Arsenal (H) 2-1 (Walsh, Samways)
 Oct 21 Shef Wed (H) 3-0 (Lineker 2, Moran)
 Oct 25 Man Utd (A) LC3 3-0 (Nayim, Samways, Lineker)
 Oct 29 Liverpool (A) 0-1
 Nov 4 Southampton (A) 1-1 (Gascoigne)
Nov 11 Wimbledon (H) 0-1
 Nov 18 Crystal Palace (A) 3-2 (Howells, Samways, Lineker)
 Nov 22 Tranmere Rovers (A) LC4 2-2 (Gascoigne, og)
Nov 25 Derby (H) 1-2 (Stewart)
Nov 29 Tranmere Rvrs (H) LC4R 4-0 (Howells, Stewart, Mabbutt, Allen)

Leading league scorers (up to Nov 27): Lineker 9, Gascoigne 6.

THE LAST TIME WE MET...

Aug 19, 1989. Spurs 2 (Stewart, Allen) Luton 1 (Wegerle). 17,668...an unconvincing opening day win for Spurs this season.



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- 3 Richard Harvey
- 4 Danny Wilson
- 5 Marvin Johnson
- 6 John Dreyer
- 7 David Preece
- 8 Lars Elstrup
- 9 Iain Dowie
- 10 Mick Kennedy
- 11 Kingsley Black

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- 2 Mitchell Thomas
- 3 Pat Van den Hauwe
- 4 Steve Sedgley
- 5 David Howells
- 6 Gary Mabbutt
- 7 Vinny Samways
- 8 Paul Gascoigne
- 9 Paul Stewart
- 10 Gary Lineker
- 11 Paul Allen

Subs

Referee: D. HEDGES (Oxford) Linesmen: M.H. BROWN (Yellow Trim) P. COX (Red Trim)

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