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REFLECTIONS

I was very disappointed with both the performance and the entertainment value of our game against Southampton in the last home match. It is always difficult to overcome good and determined teams and Southampton deserve credit. They are a very good side and showed that a few days later when they beat Norwich City 4-1. It is also another example of the familiar old story of 10 men being more difficult to beat than 11. They stopped us and did well. I only wish Julian James' shot had been a couple of inches lower. What a difference that would have made.

Since that day, of course, we have been unlucky to lose the services again of Lars Elstrup. He had only just made his recovery from a knee injury and a cartilage operation and now he has had to go back to hospital for more surgery after a similar problem. This time he had a slightly torn cartilage. He faces another four weeks of frustration during his recovery period and we all feel for him during what is clearly a very difficult time for him. Mick Kennedy also suffered an injury when he damaged his shoulder and shook up the ligaments during the match against Southampton. He would have been missing tonight anyway through suspension. Darron McDonough has also been unlucky. He damaged knee ligaments in training, but we are hopeful, at the time of writing, that he will recover enough to be in consideration for a place in the team tonight.

The injuries we have had have stretched us to the limit of our resources and given opportunities to some of our very talented younger players. Julian James and Kurt Nogan are both 19 and they have done exceptionally well. I am pleased with their response. One of our resources, of course, is our crowd and I hope you can give the team the backing it deserves tonight when we extend a warm welcome to Coventry City. Thank you.

Jim Ryan
Team Manager

Mailbag & Supporters News

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Behaviour at Villa Park

Dear Supporter

I am grateful to your Club for allowing this to be printed in your programme. I am responsible for policing all matches at Aston Villa Football Ground and your team will shortly be playing away at Aston Villa. I welcome all genuine football supporters to Birmingham and to Aston Villa. I hope all supporters enjoy their visit to our local ground. To ensure that you enjoy your visit, Aston Villa F.C. Management, Players, Officials and the Police all subscribe to an initiative known as "Football Watch". It is an agreement on what is unacceptable behaviour in and around the Football Ground.

I and my officers adopt a consistent policy of enforcement aimed at eliminating unacceptable behaviour. The majority of fans attending football grounds do so to support their team and watch a game of football. It is the minority hooligan element which cause the trouble, and it is this minority hooligan element who should be aware that the following conduct is unacceptable at Aston Villa Football Ground, and my Officers will take

Ground, and my Officers will take action to enforce this:-

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Something in Common

Town manager Jim Ryan was given a reminder of old memories when he met Rony Rosenthal and his personal agent for discussions after the Israeli international had completed one week's trial.

For Rony's agent was former central defender Etienne Wilssens, a bulky number five who once marked Andy Gray while playing for Antwerp in a European fixture and who also played in the same team in Belgium as Peter Anderson.

Etienne, who said the Andy Gray experience was the worst of his playing career, recalled Peter Anderson with great affection. "He was a very good player and we became great friends," he said.

Jim, of course, played in the same Luton Town team as Peter in the mid-70's.

Football into the Nineties

The Trust-funded Sir Norman Chester Centre for Football Research has produced a report on the proceedings of the 'Football into the 1990's' conference staged at Leicester University last season.

The 131-page document includes the 22 papers presented by guest speakers together with edited contributions from the floor. Many subjects were debated, including 'The view from the Government' written by the Hon. Colin Moynihan MP, Minister for Sport, 'Football in the 1990's' by Graham Kelly, 'Football and the media' by Bryon Butler, 'Football hooliganism and social policy' by Patrick Murphy and 'The responsibility of players' by Gordon Taylor.

Copies of the report can be obtained from the centre by telephoning 0533 522741.

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Volume Two of our action-packed film of the 1989-90 season is now on sale from the Sports Shop in Oak Road where a winter sale is also in progress.

The video, sponsored by Xtra-Vision, includes all the action during the autumn months, the dramas of December and the draw at Anfield against Liverpool together with news, views and interviews with Jim Ryan, Iain Dowie, Kurt Nogan and Mal Donaghy.

Juniors enjoy a great day out with Lars and Kingsley

Kingsley Black and Lars Elstrup spent one of our recent free Saturday afternoons mixing with our young fans at a special draw for the Junior Hatters' mascots and escorts held at Barclays Bank in George Street, Luton.

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One of the competitions was an incentive to save money and to have membership of Luton Town FC paid for by the bank. Worthy causes, we would all agree! In the other competition, Junior Hatters could win a day spent training with the players.

The event was a great success with a good turnout of youngsters, plenty of happy Junior Hatters and two satisfied senior players enjoying an afternoon mixing with the fans they usually entertain with their skills at Kenilworth Road.



•Kingsley Black, Lars Elstrup, Sales Supervisor Bev Tyler and Kenilworth the Cat are pictured together making the draw for the Junior Hatters' mascots and escorts for the rest of the season. The draw was held at Barclays Bank where several of the bank staff joined in.



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BOX OFFICE UPDATE

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Aston Villa v Luton Town

This fixture has been confirmed for its original date of Saturday March 10 at Villa Park, kick-off 3pm, following the postponement last week of the FA Cup second round replay between Oldham and Everton. The replay will now be played on March 10, thus leaving Villa free to play in the league and not in the cup.

BEDFORDSHIRE PREMIER FLOODLIT CUP FINAL

First Leg: Luton Town v Arlesey Town – Tuesday, March 27, 1990, kick-off 7.45pm

Second Leg: Arlesey Town v Luton Town – Thursday, April 5, 1990, kick-off 7.30pm.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP SEMI-FINAL

Second Leg: Brighton v Luton Town – Monday, March 12, 1990, kick-off 7.15pm at the Goldstone

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LODGINGS REQUIRED FOR YOUNG PLAYERS

Lodgings are required urgently for some of Luton Town's young professional footballers. Anyone who could be of assistance is asked to contact: Ron Howard, Chief Scout, c/o Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Bedfordshire LU8 8AW.

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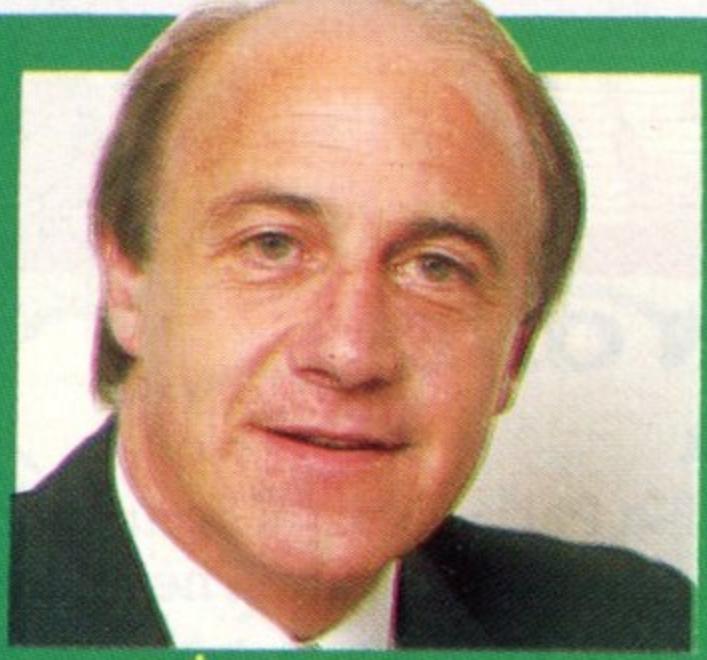
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I THE TOWN

FIXTURE MUDDLES ARE RESOLVED AT LAST

Good evening and welcome to Coventry City whose appearance here tonight is the proof that our spell of disrupted fixtures has been overcome and we can return, at last, to a diet of regular Barclays League Division One football. The postponement last week of the Oldham Athletic v Everton FA Cup replay has meant also that we shall be playing Aston Villa, as originally scheduled on, Saturday, March 10.

As a club we are delighted to have regular Saturday football again. I do not think our manager or players wanted to have any more free Saturdays and we all hope this will signify a change in luck for us as we move into the last phase of the season.

There has been much speculation surrounding our talks with Rony Rosenthal. The fact Rony is an Israeli international has attracted media attention and the attention of some other clubs.

The truth is that Rony wants to play for Luton Town and, at the time of writing, we are hopeful to finalising a deal with Standard Liege, his Belgian club. One obstacle, however, is the issue of a work permit for him.

It is clearly in our favour that Rony already has an EC permit through playing in Belgium. We do not believe the red tape will be a serious problem, but the level of applications for foreign workers at this time of the

year – mostly cricketers from a sporting point of view – may delay things a little.

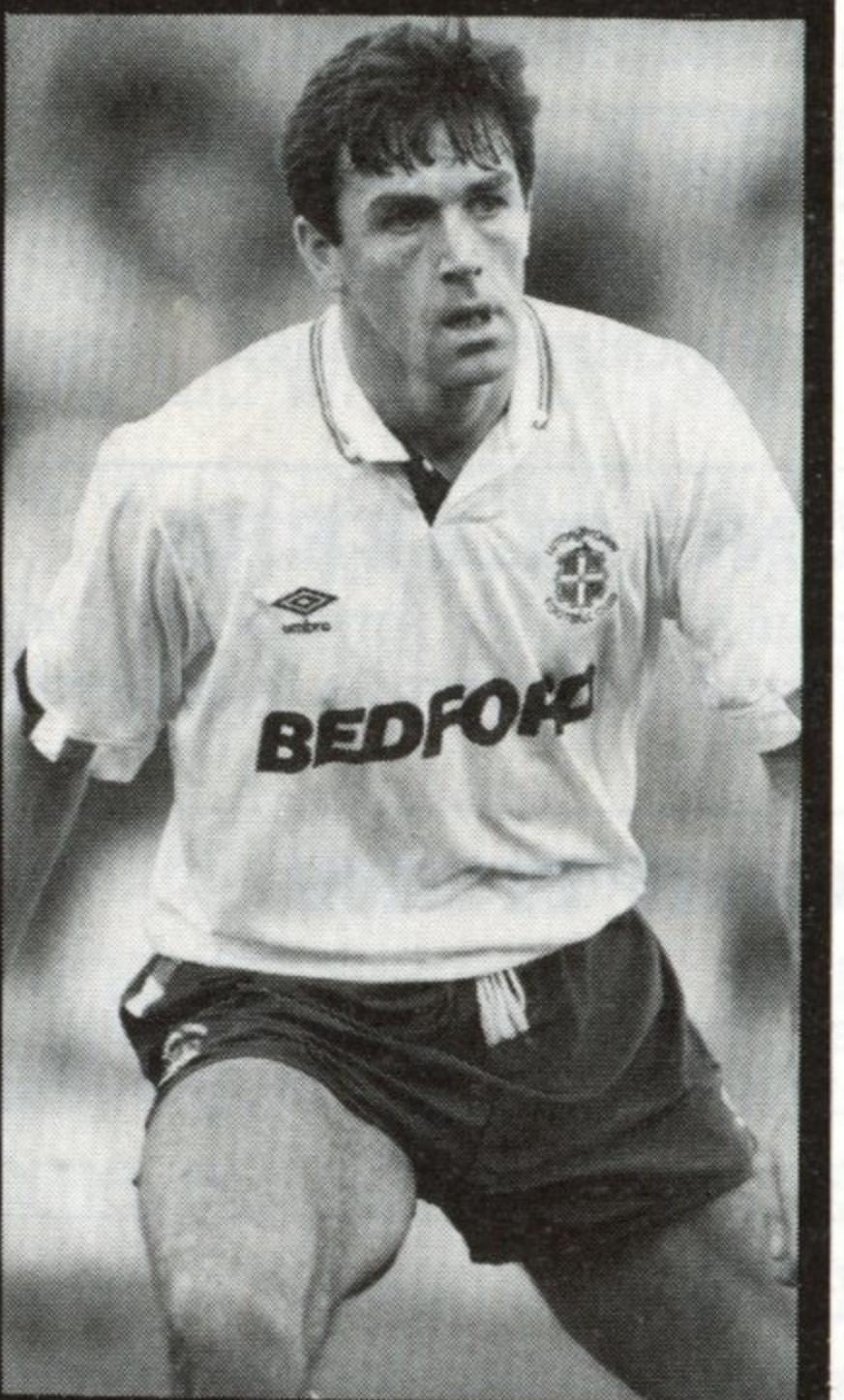
Last week, I attended a Football League group four area meeting at which there were lengthy talks about the final Taylor report. I have discussed this at some length in our News Bulletin.

However, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Kenilworth Stand supporters for their co-operation in the exercise we carried out in keeping gangways clear at the Southampton match. The club and the police feel there are still some difficulties to be overcome, but hope to continue to keep the gangways clear with your support tonight.

After two years of high profile life with regular television appearances, we are hopeful of returning to the screens next month when we entertain Arsenal. Our fixture is one of three being considered for the live match that weekend (April 21). The others are Aston Villa v Millwall and Liverpool v Chelsea.

Finally, I hear a Luton Town fanzine is about to hit the market. Contrary to general opinion, I, for my part, welcome criticism from them if they are produced professionally and include a combination of humour, serious material and match reports. They provide a chance for us to learn from the fans and I hope vice versa.

TOP HATTER



• John Dreyer was our sponsors' man of the match against Southampton. John has been enjoying a great season in the middle of the defence.

UNLUCKY LARS TEARS A CARTILAGE

• Our Danish international striker Lars Elstrup had no sooner recovered from his last operation than he suffered a fresh cartilage injury two weeks ago. This time Lars has slightly torn a cartilage. We hope he makes a speedy recovery from his latest operation.



FIXTURE MUDDLES ARE RESOLVED AT LAST



• **Special presentation:** Our director Terry Bailey receives a salver from Vauxhall Motors to mark the club's effort to create a warm family environment at Kenilworth Road.



• **Forecast winner:** Kurt Nogan was on presentation duties in the sponsors' lounge after the Southampton match when he presented an autographed ball to the forecast winner.



• **Big match line-up:** Mascot Alex Mann joins Jimmy Case, Danny Wilson and our match officials before the kick-off against Southampton.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY



DANNY WILSON

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED TONIGHT

We were all bitterly disappointed not to have won our last home match against Southampton when they did a tremendous job in making it so difficult for us in the second half. Sometimes, as happens so often it is harder against 10 men than 11.

It is in these sort of circumstances, of course, that we look for the support of the crowd your backing and vocal encouragement can make all the difference in home matches for us now and makes a big difference to the younger players.

Home Crowd

Our away followers have been fantastic this season and we have always been delighted with the vocal support we have heard on our opponent's grounds, but this has not always been the same at home.

Our visitors know how much the support of the home crowd means to the home team and feel encouraged themselves if it is not happening. So, please, back the team and help us. You are part of the team already and can play a big factor in the outcome of tonight's match. Thankyou.

1st Team ACTION

MERSEY MAGNIFICENCE

Liverpool 2 Luton Town 2

Jim Ryan made his managerial debut for the Town by helping to inspire a magnificent whole-hearted performance full of skill and spirit at Anfield on January 18 where goals by Kingsley Black and Kurt Nogan, on his debut, secured a well-deserved point.

In front of a big Merseyside crowd expecting to see a continuation of the Liverpool form which had seen Swansea beaten 8-0 three days earlier, the Town went close to snatching a famous victory after John Barnes had opened the scoring with a virtuoso free-kick after 32 minutes.

John Dreyer was in excellent form alongside Mal Donaghay at the heart of the Luton defence as the Town stood firm until the 72nd minute when Black grabbed the equaliser with a crisp volley from the edge of the penalty area.

Black set up the second Town goal two minutes later when he escaped on the left and crossed low for Nogan to clip the ball wide of Bruce Grobelaar. Liverpool, in desperate straits, came back almost immediately with a face-saving leveller of their own after 76 minutes through Steve Nicol who headed in a Barnes cross.

Teams: Liverpool – Grobelaar, Hysen, Venison, Nicol, Whelan, Hansen, Beardsley, Staunton (Burrows 45), Rush, Barnes, McMahon.

Luton Town – Chamberlain, Breacker, Harvey, Kennedy, Donaghay, Dreyer, Wilson, Nogan, Harford, Preece, Black.

Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley).

Attendance: 35,312



• Happy debut: Kurt Nogan is pictured in action at Anfield on his debut during our 2-2 draw at Anfield. Kingsley Black and David Preece are also captured through the lens of Josh Levy, our club photographer, of Apex Photography of Milton Keynes.

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Top HATTER



KURT NOGAN

KURT NOGAN FACT FILE

Born: Cardiff, 9.8.70
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 League debut: Liverpool v Luton Town
 13.1.80 (2-2) scored one goal.
 Other clubs: none
 Joined Luton Town: July 1987

Dream Start

"I was very nervous before the game in the dressing room. The other players were great and helped me. There was a few jokes as you would expect. And as soon as I got out on the pitch and kicked a ball I felt more confident and much better. But I never dreamed I would score on my debut."

Kurt Nogan recalls his first Barclays League Division one appearance for the Town, a goalscoring entrance in the 2-2 draw at Anfield in January, with evident pleasure. He had known he was likely to play for a day or two beforehand, but that did nothing to stop him trembling with nerves as he waited to go down the famous tunnel.

"It was great for me of course and I was delighted to score. My mum and dad were there too so it was good for all the family," he said. "Now it is my ambition to play regularly in the First Division and to hold down my place in the team."

For Kurt, the Anfield occasion was the start of a run of first team outings under Jim Ryan which produced two goals in his first three games – a good return by anyone at the top level.

"I only ever wanted to be a goalscorer in football. Nothing else mattered or

interested me," he said. "And I don't care how they go on either. I just like scoring goals. If I have admired any other player I suppose it is Ian Rush because he scores goals too."

Kurt is not the first Nogan to make it into a league side. His older brother Lee is also a striker and has played at centre-forward for Oxford United alongside former Town forward Mark Stein this season. Lee, at 20, is 16 months older than Kurt.

Kurt admitted that he found the Liverpool match a bit tough going in the last 15-20 minutes and added that he was working to build up his physical strength for the demands of the First Division.

"I need to get stronger, get more experience and improve my first touch which is so important in the First Division. The players close you down so quickly in the First Division. It is very quick and you have to react very quickly all the time."

Kurt is determined to make a success of his football career and has no outside interests or hobbies to distract him. He said he had wanted to do athletics at school – he was a promising middle-distance runner – but pursued football instead.

The biggest influence on his career so far has been Jim Ryan and John Faulkner's coaching at Kenilworth Road. "I've learned through training and working with them," he said in his matter-of-fact voice with a strong trace of Wales. "I did what I was told and I learned from it."

If his career continues to blossom and he has the chance to choose an international football career, he has no doubt that he would elect to play for Wales. "I feel Welsh and would want to be a Welsh international. I might be eligible for Scotland and one of the other countries, I think, but if I had the chance I would play for Wales."



KURT NOGAN

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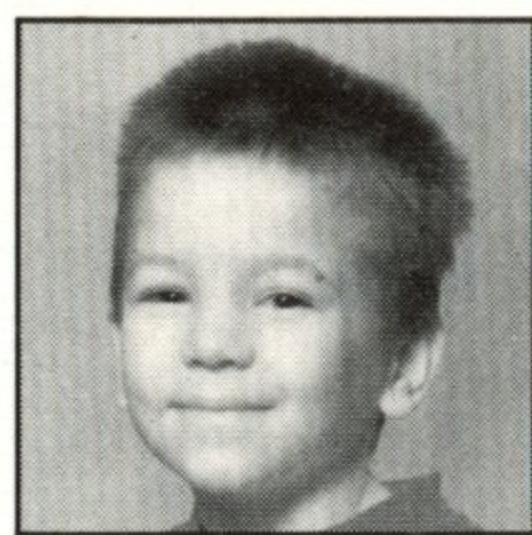


HAVE A GO AT THE SPECIAL JUNIOR QUIZ

- Welcome to tonight's re-arranged game with Coventry City. This is our first evening game at home since we played Mansfield Town way back in October. That was in the second leg of the Littlewoods Cup and produced a good result.
- We are all very pleased to get back into action after having a break from competitive football. If we get back to our routine we should start to get some results and steer our way out of the relegation area.
- Do not forget about the quiz I am running. All the details are in the Members Bulletin. But, in case you have forgotten all about it, I will remind you. See if you can name the teams beaten by Luton Town on their way to Wembley in 1988 in the Littlewoods Cup.
- In addition to the teams, I would like to know the results of all the matches in the cup run that season which ended with that fantastic victory over.... in the final at Wembley.
- All entries, please, with answers written on a postcard, to be sent to: Junior Quiz, The Sports Shop, 125 Oak Road, Luton Beds. LU4 8AA. By Friday, April 6th, 1990 at the latest.
- The first 12 correct entries drawn out of a hat will win a special prize of an Easter Egg.

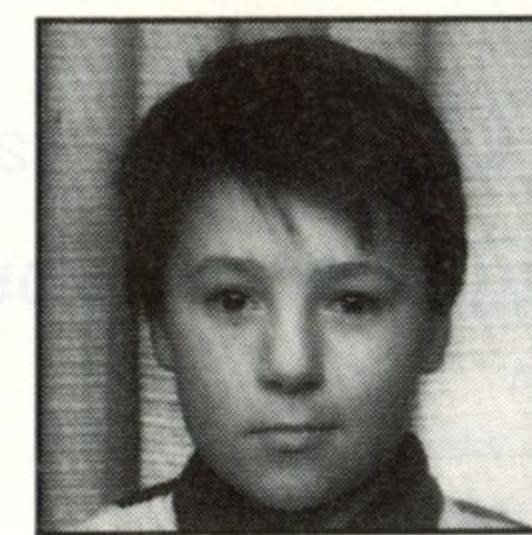
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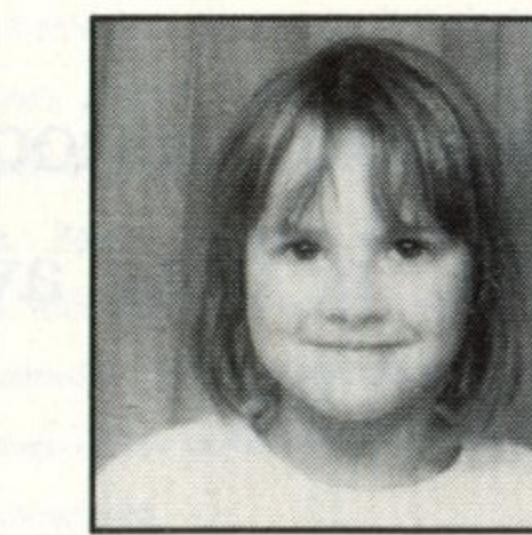


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The under 11's lost their match 5-3 and the over 12's managed a cricket score coming out winners 14-1.

And a good time was had by one and all. Keep up the good work in promoting friendship in football.

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Date	Opponents	Result	Date	Opponents	Result
1989/90	F-A	1990	F-A		
Aug 19	Arsenal	6-1	Jan 10	Oxford	0-3
Sept 2	Reading	2-0	Jan 13	Wimbledon	3-4
Sept 9	Tottenham	0-4	Jan 16	Portsmouth	2-3
Sept 23	Southampton	1-0	Jan 24	Dunstable (BPCSF)	0-0
Sept 30	Ipswich Town	3-2	Jan 27	Brighton	5-1
Oct 10	Stofold (BPC1)	4-4	Jan 30	Dunstable (BPCSF)	3-0
Oct 20	Norwich City	0-2	Feb 13	Chelsea	2-2
Oct 28	Watford	3-3	Feb 17	Oxford	3-0
Oct 31	Swindon	0-2	Feb 21	Fulham	3-0
Nov 7	Millwall	0-0	Feb 28	Crystal Palace	2-1
Nov 11	West Ham	1-1	Mar 3	Southampton	
Nov 14	Stofold (BPC1R)	5-0	Mar 10	Swindon Town	
Nov 25	Fulham	5-0	Mar 13	Wimbledon	
Nov 29	Brighton	1-2	Mar 21	Ipswich	
Dec 2	Watford	1-1	Mar 27	Arlesey (BPC1)	
Dec 12	Charlton A	0-1	Apr 3	Portsmouth	
Dec 16	Norwich	0-2	Apr 5	Arlesey (BPC2)	
Dec 19	Tottenham	1-0	Apr 7	QPR	
Dec 22	Vauxhall Motors (BPC2)	2-1	Apr 11	Reading	
Jan 2	QPR	2-4	Apr 18	Crystal Palace	
Jan 6	West Ham	2-2	Apr 21	Arsenal	
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			May 8	Chelsea	

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SPECTACLE IN PROSPECT AT ITALIA '90

Only three months remain before the kick-off in Milan of the 1990 World Cup finals, a tournament likely to provide some of the most spectacular football ever seen, and speculation over the outcome is mounting.

Hosts Italy, holders Argentina, three-times former winners Brazil and European champions Holland will be the pre-tournament favourites and each can claim to possess in their team at least one truly world-class star.

The Italians have brilliant defender and captain Franco Baresi and much-heralded striker Gianluca Vialli. Baresi helped AC Milan win the European Cup last season.

Argentina have captain Diego Maradona, still playing well and scoring regularly as Napoli fight it out with Milan for the Italian league title.

Brazil have Bebeto, a goalscoring forward who has been dubbed the "new Zico" for his skills and pace.

Holland have Marco van Basten, the European Footballer of the Year, and a supreme goalscorer whose striking power carried the Dutchmen to victory in West Germany two summers ago and also helped Milan to their glories last year.

The Dutch also possess in Ruud Gullit, if he is fit, the man most likely to outshine all the others. The dreadlocked superstar has it all – skill, power, aerial ability, pace, strength, a subtle touch and the vision to control a game. And it is all allied to a tremendous physique. His only weakness is the knee which has undergone a series of operations since last April.

Against such stars, England, Scotland and Ireland

will provide the supporting cast in what promises to be the most spectacular World Cup finals tournament since the competition began in 1930.

England face the Dutch, Irish and Egypt in group F of the opening round in Sardinia. A tough group reminiscent of their opening group in the European championship finals.

Scotland have an even harder task. In group C they will face Brazil, now back to their best with a squad blending Samba skills and European discipline and tactics, Sweden and Costa Rica.

The Scots have been qualifiers for every World Cup finals since 1974 and have yet to go beyond the opening round. This time manager Andy Roxburgh had done his paperwork, prepared his squad and checked every detail in Italy in advance. But will it make any difference?

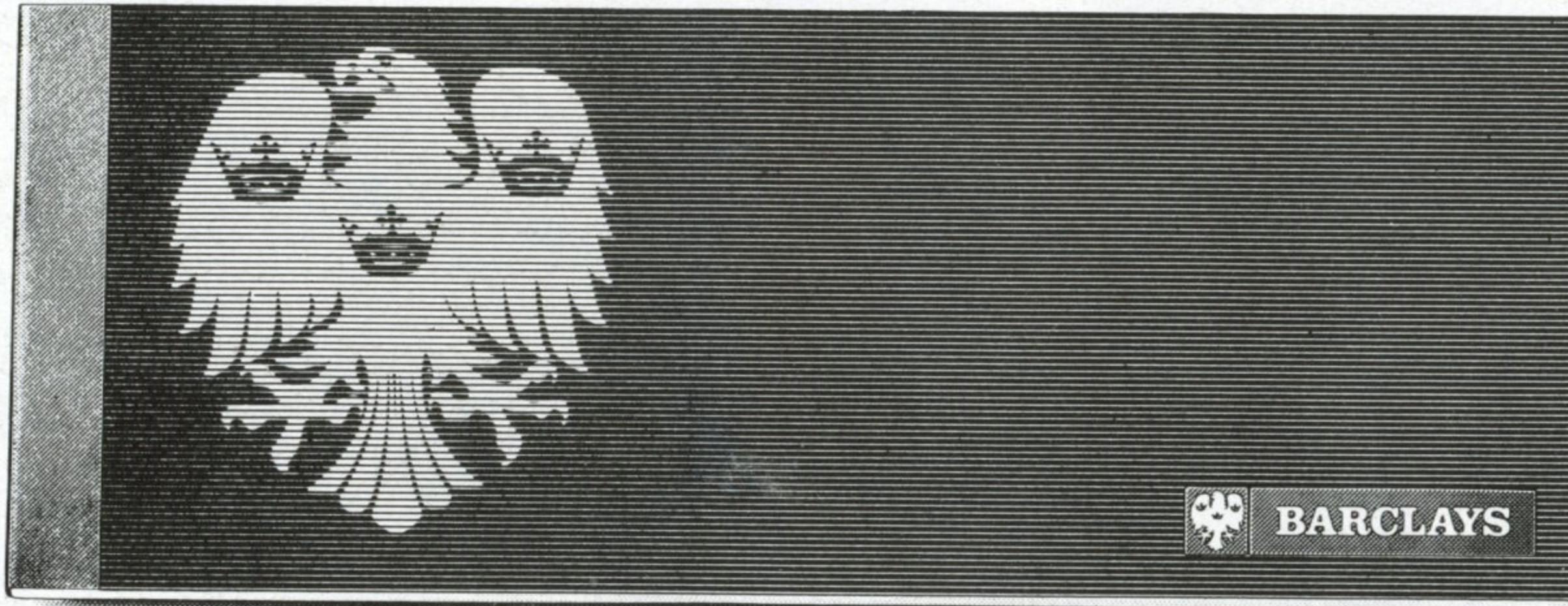
The outcome of the finals will no doubt rest upon the explosive individual skills of the players who hit form at the right moment. That could mean Toni Polster of Austria, a dangerous striker based in Spain with Seville, or Gheorghe Hagi of Romania, the Steaua Bucharest striker already lined up by Milan as a possible replacement for the injured Gullit next season.

And the claims of West Germany with Jurgen Klinsmann in attack, or the Soviet Union cannot be dismissed lightly as we begin the countdown to Italia '90 and what promises to be a marvellous month in Italy in June.



•The goal from Burruchaga which won the last World Cup for Argentina in Mexico.

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• Kingsley Black hammers in our late goal at Old Trafford last Saturday where we went down 4-1 to Manchester United.



• Iain Dowie is unable to turn the ball in as Jim Leighton looks on.



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HUNTING FOR GOALS

Kurt Nogan is pictured looking for a chance to score during our last home match against Southampton on February 24.



OFF THE RECORD

ALWAYS A TOUGH SCRAP WITH COVENTRY

With only two wins at Highfield Road from 28 starts and only two victories at Kenilworth Road since 1952 we offer a tentative welcome to Coventry City tonight, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

Our first ever home meeting, on 2nd April 1927, gave us false hope for the future with a 4-1 victory delighting the crowd of 6,900 and it was not until 1933/34 that we suffered our first defeat at Kenilworth Road.

A consistent thorn in the side of Coventry City at that time was the prolific Luton marksman Andy Rennie who scored in both games against the "Bantams", as they were then known, in 1928/29 on his way to a then record 43 goals in a season. He also scored both goals in our solitary pre-war victory at Highfield road in 1930/31.

Surprisingly enough games with Coventry City were regarded as local derbies on a par with Watford in these days and in case you thought that football hooliganism is a more modern phenomenon it is sadly reported that the police has to clear the Kenilworth Road pitch of fighting supporters after a Coventry win in 1938/39.

After the war the edge went out of the games and in 1951/52 shortly before Coventry's relegation from Division Two the Luton programme notes stated "Great and glorious battles have we had in the old Third Division days but somehow that same keenness has been missing since we were both promoted".

Despite this three players, in particular, have good

OUR LAST FIVE MEETINGS AT KENILWORTH ROAD

1984/85	26/12/84	Luton 2 (Stein, Daniel) Coventry 0 Att: 9,237
1985/86	16/11/85	Luton 0 Coventry 1 Att: 9,607
1986/87	18/4/87	Luton 2 (Stein, Newell) Coventry 0 Att: 9,380
1987/88	18/8/87	Luton 0 Coventry 1 Att: 7,506
1988/89	15/4/89	Luton 2 (Dreyer, Wilson) Coventry 2 Att: 8,610

* Roger Wash is our official club statistician.

Anyone with inquiries or comments please write to him
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IT HAPPENED 5 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK ...

9th March 1985

A 57th minute goal from Wayne Turner settled an F.A. Cup Fifth Round second replay against Watford at Kenilworth Road.

This win set up the infamous quarter final game against Millwall four days later.

IT HAPPENED 15 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK ...

8th March 1975

In winning 3-1 at Kenilworth Road, Coventry brought to an end a five game unbeaten home run for the Town.

John Aston scored the solitary Luton goal watched by a crowd of 14,423.

reason to be grateful to Coventry City during this period. Gordon Turner, our all time record goalscorer, made his debut at Coventry in 1950/51 while Dave Sexton scored his one and only goal for the club against Coventry at Kenilworth Road the season after.

Bill Hughes our then record signing and "the finest full back in the land" made his first appearance for the Town at Highfield Road in 1947 in a 4-1 defeat!

Our paths crossed again briefly in 1963/64 with the Jimmy Hill inspired "Sky Blues" on the ascendency and the Town on the way to the football basement. The early season 3-1 defeat at Kenilworth Road flattened Coventry but we more than made amends in drawing 3-3 at Highfield Road later on to put a dent in their promotion hopes.

In more recent times all we have to shout about are two home wins and our first victory at Highfield Road since 1930/31 courtesy of a Brian Stein goal on January 1st 1987.

Also fondly remembered is last seasons 2-2 home draw which marked the League debut of Alec Chamberlain and set up the run in which we saw relegation avoided at the death.

Chamberlain is rather more fortunate than poor Sam Mayberry who waited for ages to oust Joe Coen from the Luton goal in the years leading up to the war.

He finally made his debut in the last game of 1938/39, against Coventry at Kenilworth Road, and then saw League football stopped for seven years!



• Danny Wilson was one of our scorers in last season's 2-2 draw here at Kenilworth Road.

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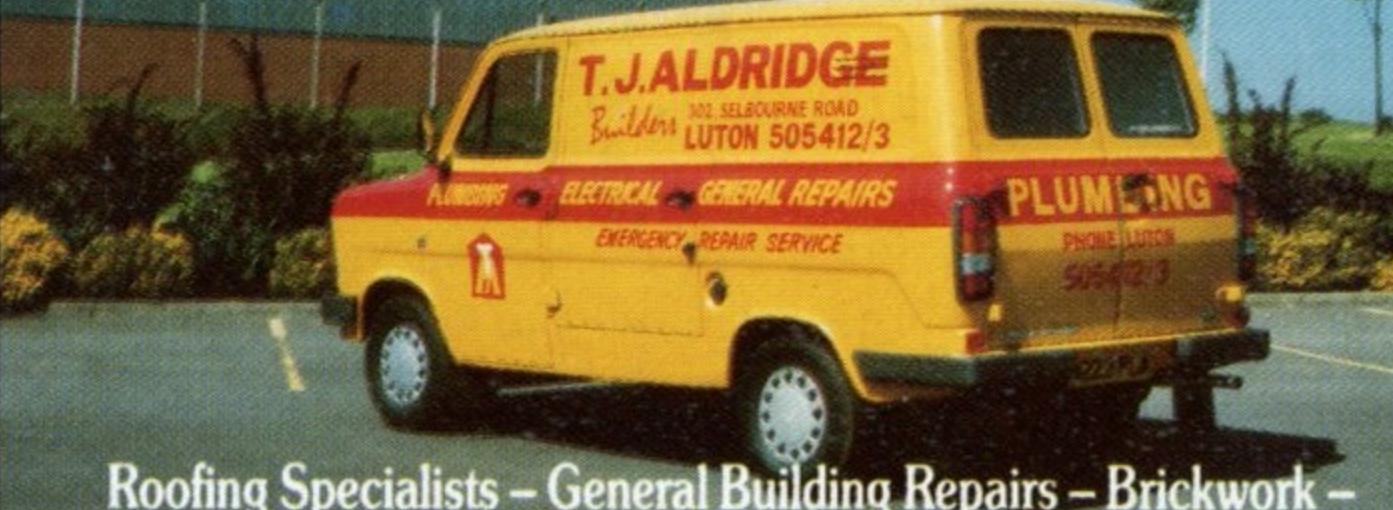
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WELCOME TO...

COVENTRY CITY

● We welcome Coventry City to Kenilworth Road this afternoon. After their recent disappointment in the Littlewoods Cup, in which they were eliminated by Nottingham Forest 2-1 on aggregate in the semi-finals, they will be keen to return to winning ways.

● The Sky Blues, as they are popularly known, were formed in 1883 by workers at Singer's cycle factory. They won the Birmingham Junior Cup in 1891 and in 1894 were elected to the Birmingham and District League.

● In 1898, they changed their name to Coventry City and in 1908 they joined the Southern League. At this time, the Sky Blues were playing in blue and white quarters and had made their home, after two previous venues had been rejected, at Highfield Road.

● Coventry were elected to Division Two in 1919, but were back in Division Three (North) from 1925-1926 and then Division Three (South) from 1926-1936 when they regained their place in the Second Division.

● They enjoyed a long run in Division Two from 1936 to 1952 when they slipped back via six years in the Third Division (South) to Division Four where they spent 1958-59, finishing as runners-up to gain immediate promotion.

● Since then, it has been success all the way for Coventry by comparison. They won the Third Division championship in 1963-64 and the Second Division title in 1966-67 when current managing director George Curtis was the inspirational mainspring and they have remained in the top flight ever since.

● The Sky Blues best ever league season was in 1969-70 when they finished sixth in the First Division, a record they nearly matched last year when they were seventh. In cup competitions, their greatest achievement came in 1987 when they beat Tottenham Hotspur at Wembley to win the F.A. Cup.

● Their Littlewoods Cup semi-final defeat was not their first. They were also beaten at the last four stage in 1980-81 when the Football League Cup existed under another sponsor's name.

● Coventry's team manager is John Sillett, he was promoted to the job after working as coach under Curtis in the F.A. Cup-winning season in 1987 and is well-known in the game as one of football's most cheery and forthright characters.

● Sillett is the club's 16th post-war manager and has followed in the steps of some big names like Jimmy Hill, who was the architect of Coventry's great successes of the 1960's, Noel Cantwell, Dave Sexton, Bobby Gould and Curtis.

● Since last season, Sillett has made two major moves into the transfer market by adding former Glasgow Rangers and Norwich striker Kevin Drinkell and winger Kevin Gallacher, from Dundee United, to his squad.

● Both cost the club big fees, but found themselves eclipsed in the Sky Blues team by youth product Steve Livingstone who announced his striking arrival with a blaze of goals midway through the season.



Back Row (left to right): Keith Thompson, Gary Bannister, Brian Borrows, Trevor Peake, Cyrille Regis, Tony Dobson, Chris Greenman, Peter Billing. Middle Row: Mick Kearns (Chief Scout), Neil Sillett* (Assistant Physiotherapist), Kevin MacDonald, Steve Livingstone, Steve Ogrizovic, Brian Kilcline, Dean Kiely, Howard Clark, Dean Emerson, John Peacock (Football Development Officer), Terry Paine (Youth Team Coach). Front Row: David Smith, Greg Downs, David Speedie, Mick Coop (reserve Team Coach), John Sillett (Team Manager), George Dalton (Physiotherapist), Michael Gynn, Lloyd McGrath, Dougie McGuire. (*Neil Sillett is now with Portsmouth F.C.).

FIRST TEAM

UPDATE

1989-90 SEASON

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS										
	Lgue	Aps	Gls	Ltdwds	Cup	F.A. Cup	Aps	Gls	Z.D. Cup	Gls
Tim Alipress		—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
David Beaumont	13	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	—
Kingsley Black	25	6	2(1)	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Tim Breacker	27	—	3	—	—	1	—	2	—	—
Alec Chamberlain	27	—	3	—	—	1	—	2	—	—
Richard Cooke	2(7)	1	—	—	—	—	—	1(1)	—	—
Mal Donaghy	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iain Dowie	15(3)	3	—(1)	(1)	—	2	3	—	—	—
John Dreyer	27	2	3	1	1	—	1	—	—	—
Lars Elstrup	13(6)	4	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sean Farrell	—(1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paul Gray	1(1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(2)	1	—
Mick Harford	1(3)	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Richard Harvey	14(9)	—	1	—	—	1	—	2	—	—
Julian James	8(1)	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
Marvin Johnson	7(2)	—	—(1)	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
Mick Kennedy	23	—	2	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
Darron McDonough	8	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kurt Nogan	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
David Preece	20(2)	1	3	1	1	—	2	—	—	—
Jason Rees	1(3)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Graham Rodger	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Aaron Tighe	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1(1)	—	—
Roy Wegerle	13(2)	2	3	4	—	—	2	—	—	—
Steve Williams	14	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Danny Wilson	25	6	3	—	1	1	2	—	—	—

LEADING GOALSCORERS: 20 - Platt (Aston Villa), Rush (Liverpool) - Saunders (Derby). 19 - Lineker (Tottenham).

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P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	APts	
27	8	4	1	24	8	Liverpool	7	4	3	27	18
27	10	2	2	28	15	Aston Villa	6	2	5	15	11
26	7	4	3	21	13	Nottingham Forest	5	3	4	18	12
26	10	2	0	29	7	Arsenal	3	2	9	9	20
28	5	5	4	24	22	Chelsea	6	4	4	21	19
26	10	1	3	19	12	Coventry	2	3	7	7	20
27	6	5	2	30	20	Southampton	4	4	6	23	26
28	7	1	6	24	20	Tottenham Hotspur	4	5	5	15	16
26	8	1	5	24	12	Derby	3	4	5	9	11
27	4	4	5	16	17	Wimbledon	5	7	2	18	12
26	9	2	2	23	11	Everton	2	3	8	12	23
27	5	7	1	17	10	Norwich City	5	1	8	13	21
26	6	3	3	16	12	Queens Park Rangers	3	6	5	14	17
29	7	6	2	18	9	Sheffield Wednesday	1	3	10	6	28
27	6	4	4	20	19	Crystal Palace	3	2	8	12	32
27	5	4	4	19	12	Manchester United	3	3	8	15	25
27	7	2	5	21	17	Manchester City	0	5	8	7	25
27	4	6	3	13	12	LUTON TOWN	1	5	8	16	29
28	4	5	5	19	16	Millwall	1	4	9	14	32
28	3	5	6	14	16	Charlton Athletic	2	3	9	9	22

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	Wil	Preece	[Elstrup]	Harvey
Aug 30	Queens Park Rangers	0-0	10,565	11	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer	Williams	McDonough	Beaumont	Kennedy	Wegerle	Elstrup	Preece	[Black]	Farrell
Sept 9	Charlton Athletic	1-0	8,859	7	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer	Wilson^{1P}	McDonough	Beaumont	Kennedy	Wegerle	Elstrup	Preece	[Elstrup]	Harvey
Sept 16	Coventry City	0-1	11,152	8	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer	Wilson	(McDonough)	Beaumont	Kennedy	Wegerle	Elstrup	Preece	[Black]	Farrell
Sept 19	Mansfield Town (LC2-1)	4-3	5,361	8	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer	Wilson	McDonough	Beaumont	Kennedy	Wegerle²	Preece	[Elstrup]	Harvey	[Cooke]
Sept 23	Wimbledon	1-1	8,449	10	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer	Wilson	(McDonough)	Beaumont	Kennedy	Wegerle¹	Elstrup	Preece	[Black]	[Cooke]
Sept 30	Manchester City	1-3	23,863	14	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer	Wilson	Harvey	Beaumont	(Kennedy)	Wegerle	Elstrup	Preece	[Black]	[Cooke]
Oct 3	Mansfield Town (LC2-2)	7-2	6,519	14	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer¹	Wilson	Rodger	Beaumont	Kennedy	Wegerle²	Preece	Black	[Harvey]	Harvey
Oct 14	Aston Villa	0-1	9,433	16	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer	Wilson	(Rodger)	Beaumont	Williams	Elstrup³	Preece	Black	[Cooke]	[Harvey]
Oct 21	Norwich City	4-1	9,038	12	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer¹	Wilson¹	(Rodger)	Beaumont	Williams	Wegerle¹	Preece	Black	[Harvey]	[Dowie]
Oct 24	Everton (LC3)	0-3	18,428	12	Chamberlain	Breacker	(Dreyer)	Wilson	McDonough	Beaumont	Harvey	Elstrup¹	Preece	Black	[Harvey]	[Dowie]
Oct 28	Millwall	1-1	10,433	14	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer	Wilson	(McDonough)	Beaumont	Williams	Wegerle²	Preece	Black	[Harvey]	[Dowie]
Nov 4	Derby County	1-0	8,919	11	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer	Wilson	Johnson	Beaumont	Williams	Dowie¹	Preece	Black	[Harvey]	[Dowie]
Nov 8	Oxford United (ZDC)	3-2	1,754	11	Chamberlain	Breacker	Harvey	Wilson	Johnson	Beaumont	Williams	Dowie²	Preece	Black	[Harvey]	[Dowie]
Nov 11	Crystal Palace	1-1	8,000	10	Chamberlain	Breacker	Dreyer	Wilson	Johnson	(Beaumont)	Williams	Elstrup¹	Preece	Black	[Harvey]	[Dowie]
Nov 18	Manchester United	1-3	11,141	13	Chamberlain	Breacker</td										

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