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RYAN'S



After our last two away results, we are now facing up to a run of three home games on successive Saturdays. It is obvious how important these fixtures will be to our future, but what I want to stress is how important it is for us to be relaxed and not too tense on the field. And that is when good support can be so important. The response we have had from our fans, especially on the road, in the last few weeks has been fantastic and I hope it can continue today. It is the manager's job to try and get the right balance between tension and relaxation in the players before the match. Sometimes, it is not easy and it is when the players feel particularly tense that each decision or incident can seem decisive. Luck has not been on our side recently. At Norwich, for example, we did not have the best of fortune with some decisions and we had a penalty given against us. At Chelsea, Alec Chamberlain made a very good save from Gordon Durie but he had the luck of the bounce and was able to score. In the last minute of the same game, Danny Wilson had a chance, but the ball flew off Dave Beasant's feet and away.

Today, we welcome Everton who have been enjoying a good run. With due respect to them, we do not really care if we are playing an All Mars XI this afternoon as only our own performance will really matter. The team has shown great spirit and belief and played well without reward. Iain Dowie and Paul Gray both scored their first international goals last week for the Northern Ireland under-23 team before the lights went out...a good boost for them and us with good performances last Saturday too. David Beaumont also returned to the side and did well. Darron McDonough came back the previous week and is settling in again. There are good signs and we hope we can turn our optimism into performances and results. Keep up the good vocal work too. Thanks.

Jim Ryan
Team Manager

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Mailbag & Supporters News

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Great fun

Dear Sir
Many thanks to all Staff/Officials Luton Town F.C. concerning the recent Luton Schools v Oldham Schools match

Parents and Boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience of First Division facilities including the much maligned synthetic playing surface. The game against our Oldham friends produced skilful and attacking soccer.

We hope this fixture/venue becomes an annual event. Perhaps Luton Town F.C. would consider us for pre-match entertainment? Our fees are quite reasonable!!

Thanking you for a fun day.

R.J. Gray

L.S.F.A. U11 Team Manager
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Young fan



Dear sir
Luton Town's newest and youngest supporter Steven Roberts with mum Kim Roberts (Membership Number M0189 121501) are pictured at Lister Hospital, Stevenage.

Steven was born on 27th March, 1990 at 9.40am, weighing 9lbs 1oz.

Proud father and grandfather are season ticket holders in the Oak Road Stand.

Jimmy Ryan should be on his guard,

as approaches have been made from a representative of Brian Clough (ie. Steven's other grandfather, a Nottingham Forest season ticket holder).

Yours loyally
Kim Roberts
The Oak Road Stand

Great Initiative

Dear Sir
Just a brief note to thank you very much indeed for taking the initiative in strengthening the links between Luton Town FC. and local schools by arranging coaching sessions from time to time. The boys concerned and I very much enjoyed your session attended by Julian James last Thursday afternoon and look forward to further opportunities of doing the same if and when you can find time in the future.

Yours sincerely
M.E. Dawson
Headmaster

LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB

Dear Sir,

As a Supporters Club, we carry out a number of tasks unbeknown to our members. On January 2, I received a letter from Paul Sayers in Londonderry explaining that on March 26, he was to begin a sponsored trip to every First Division football ground in England, Scotland, Republic of Ireland and Western Ireland.

Funds raised would go towards upgrading facilities for the disabled at football grounds around north-west Ireland. He was due to arrive at Luton station at 11.22, March 28 and would it be possible for someone to meet him and escort him back to Kenilworth Road?

This we agreed upon and bought a few Luton Town items to be auctioned on his return.

March 28 arrived. Martin Ayres and I made our way down to the railway station. The 11.22 came and went; 12.22 also came and went; at 1pm my phone call to Luton Town FC had rings of something I'd seen on television.

Pam Gray
Chairperson

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Paul said: "I have written to Radio One and they have agreed to help by reading my name and address out. Every joke printed in the book will have the sender's name and address printed either with it or in an index.

"I have permission from Liverpool Football Club and from the Hillsborough Disaster Fund to go ahead. I am writing to every club in the Football League."

Paul and Lil together again

One of the delights of a dip into the latest Hatters News, the newsletter of the Luton Town Supporters Club, is the opportunity to enjoy some real nostalgia. And this is especially true of the latest March issue in which Brian Swain has featured Paul Price and Lil Fuccillo, who made their debuts together for the Town at York in February 1976.

After chequered careers – Paul went to Spurs and played for Wales, while Lil helped us to promotion and then went on to Southend, Peterborough and Cambridge – both are still in the game and playing together again at Wivenhoe in the Vauxhall League.

It's a knockout

Luton Town Supporters' Club are holding a fun day for children at Kenilworth Road from 2 pm – 5 pm on May 7, 1990. To join in with the fans and players, contact Pam Gray via the club.

Busy times ahead for the maintenance men

All the big changes in planning and safety regulations for football stadia have brought extra work not just for our administrative and ticket office staff, but also for the men who have to carry out the day to day work of keeping Kenilworth Road looking as good as new.

New exit routes, for example, have had to be painted to show up clearly for the spectators and that has meant plenty of paint-brushing effort for our two resident maintenance men Andrew Chesham and Gary Antoine.

'Ches' and Gary, as they are known around Kenilworth Road, have been busy recently with plenty to do in the painting department and lots of other jobs around the stadium, as Josh Levy's picture below shows clearly.

Both Ches and Gary have been around the club for some time now and often get taken for granted, but they both work long hours and often carry out the duties not too many others would like to face. But both enjoy their work and are a popular part of the club scene each day.



•Gary and Ches are pictured at work painting new exit routes in accordance with the latest safety regulations.

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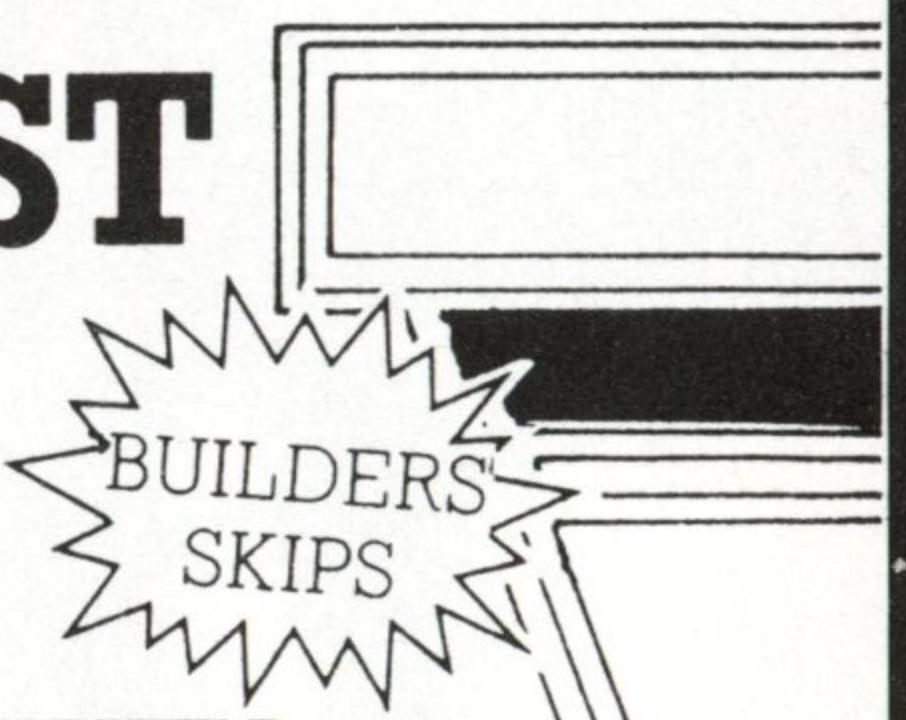
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BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
Nottingham Forest v Luton Town
Monday, April 16, 1990, kick-off 3.00 pm

Tickets for seats for this match will be available from the ticket office after today's match and also at Nottingham Forest on the day. They are priced at £7. Admission for standing will be available on the day at £4.50. Pay on the turnstiles. There are no concessions.

Luton Town v Arsenal
Saturday, April 21, 1990, kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Tickets for this match are now available from the ticket office in Kenilworth Road. Please note the ticket office will be closed on Monday, April 16, 1990.

TURNSTILE OPERATORS REQUIRED

Luton Town FC requires turnstile operators for its match-day operations at Kenilworth Road. If you are interested, please apply in writing to: The General Secretary, Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1, Maple Road, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU8 8AW.

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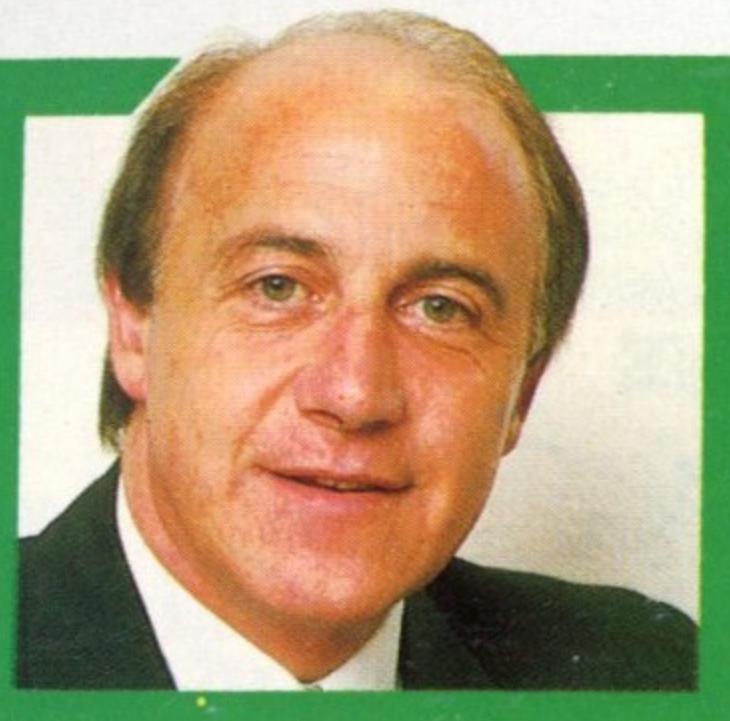
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by BILL TOMLINS

THE TOWN

MEMBERSHIP SCHEMES ARE STILL A CONSIDERATION

Good afternoon and welcome to Everton. After my last programme notes concerning our Membership Scheme, it was interesting to discover at Norwich City two weeks ago that a number of our supporters could not get into their seats at Carrow Road because they were not carrying membership cards.

There had been a breakdown in Norwich's communications which I, in the company of their Secretary Andrew Neville, was able to sort out quickly, but it highlighted some points and drew attention to the fact that the Canaries, like Liverpool and Millwall, are among a group of clubs considering introducing a Membership Scheme.

Talking to Norwich chairman Robert Chase, it was clear he was interested in a full membership scheme for their seated areas at both home and away matches.

Its success – if introduced – will depend upon the members themselves.

I was pleased to be able to assist the 45 Luton Town supporters who had tickets but were briefly frustrated at the gates.

It also shows that there are, fewer seats being made available to

visitors. At Chelsea last weekend, there were none at all on the recommendation of the Metropolitan Police.

On a different note, it was satisfying to retain the Bedfordshire Premier Cup with a 5-4 aggregate victory over Arlesey. This competition has been a good opportunity to develop our relationship with the Bedfordshire F.A. and our local football community. We permit our opponents to keep all the home gate receipts, it is a gesture which I am sure is always appreciated.

We have been among the clubs recently expressing concern to the Football League about the way fixtures have been arranged.

We now have three at home on successive Saturdays and have previously had several away matches together. This is not satisfactory for the team our supporters or the club.

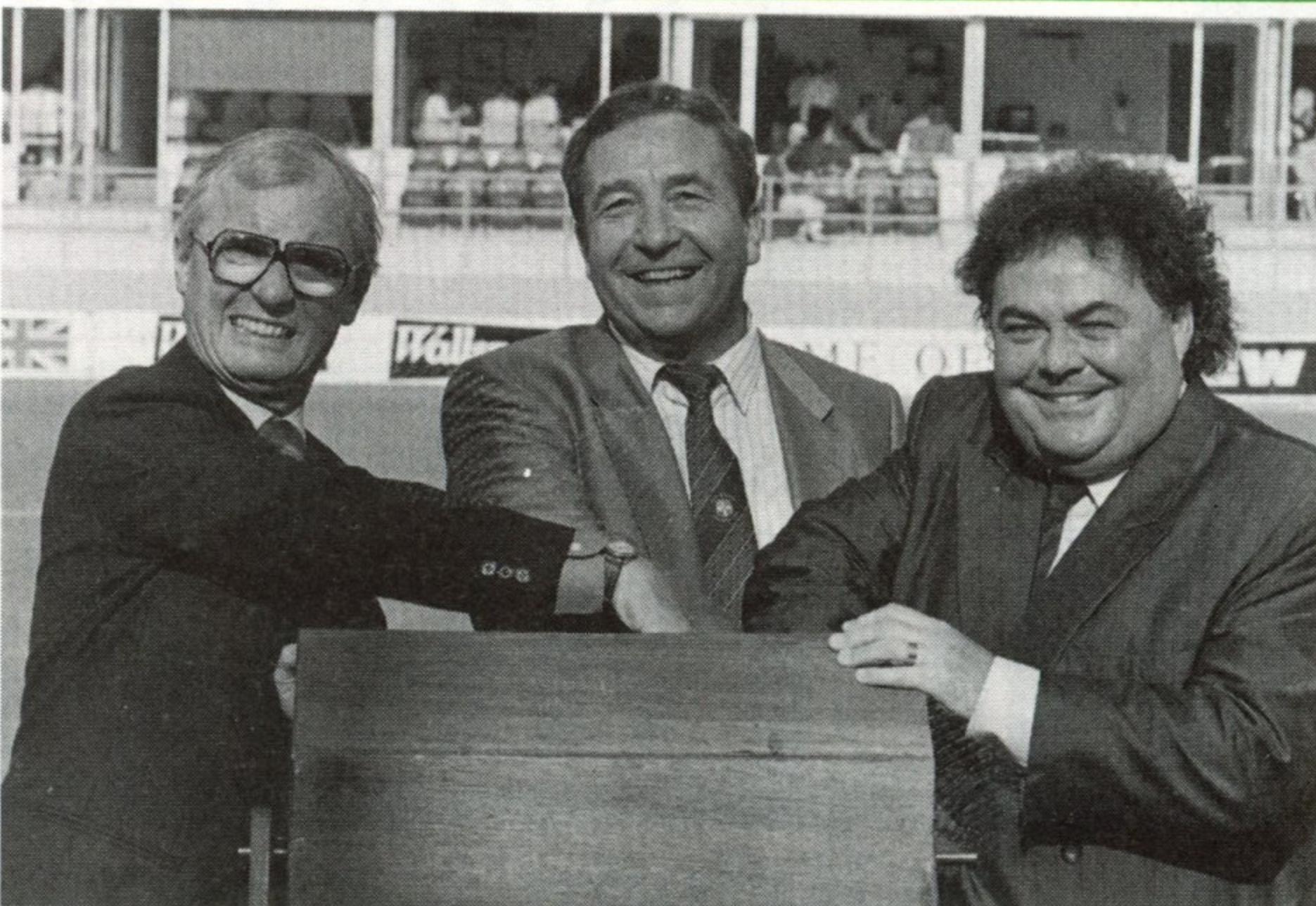
We were also concerned that we were asked to travel to Everton on Boxing Day soon after having played at home to Chelsea. These sort of arrangements need to be studied closely and improved, giving priority to home and away matches on alternate Saturdays.

LOOKING UP



• Our team manager Jim Ryan still enjoys training and ball work as he shows with this juggling demonstration.

• Entertaining raffle: Little and Large did the honours in our lottery draw a few weeks ago when they pulled out the winner before the Manchester City fixture. They are pictured with our director Terry Bailey.



MEMBERSHIP SCHEMES ARE STILL A CONSIDERATION



• **Man of the Match:** David Preece was our sponsors' man of the match against both Millwall and Manchester City in recent weeks. He is pictured with John Gaddes, Managing Director of Potton Developments.



• **Ball sponsors:** Tim Breacker presents an autographed match ball to Graham Brent of Harrow Finance after our home game against Millwall.



• **On the way back:** Mick O'Brien and Lars Elstrup have been training hard recently to recover from their injuries.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY



DANNY WILSON RELAXATION REQUIRED

Support for the team at away and home matches has been great in the last few weeks. I am just sorry we have not been able to turn some pretty sound performances into wins.

The players are all giving it everything, but the problem sometimes is tension. We need to be relaxed. We need to get the tension out of our system to play our best and that is when all the great support can really count.

Loud vocal support from the fans is always a help but never more so than at times like this when we need to feel relaxed and perform with freedom and determination. We have played well, but had some trouble getting the ball into the net.

Goal

I am sure it is one of those things a goal will change for us if we can just score first in a game. Please help us by giving us your full vocal support today.

Finally, a word of congratulations to my Northern Ireland colleagues Iain Dowie and Paul Gray who both scored for the under-23 side last week against Israel. Both did well and both looked good at Chelsea too. Paul has made a habit of coming on as substitute and scoring goals so we hope he will soon be doing it from the start now.

1st Team ACTION

BLACK STIFLES LIONS ROAD

Luton Town 2 Millwall 1

Kingsley Black struck a marvellous goal and Mick McCarthy headed in an own goal as the Town took all three points from Millwall in what was a crucial meeting between the two sides here at Kenilworth Road on March 24. On a day when the points were more important to both teams than the entertainment value, the Town stuck firmly to their task and came away well rewarded for their efforts.

McCarthy, making his debut for Millwall after a move back to English football from France, opened the scoring after 42 minutes when David Preece took an inswinging corner from the right. Millwall goalkeeper Keith Branagan missed the ball in the air and McCarthy unwittingly headed in.

The second goal came midway through the second half after Jason Rees had gone on for Paul Gray. The Town forced two successive corners during a spell of concerted pressure and from the second, taken short by Preece, Black dribbled in and unleashed a tremendous shot into the corner of the net.

Millwall replied almost immediately. Substitute Les Briley came on and with his first touch became a scorer after Malcolm Allen had escaped on the left. The defence failed to clear his cross and Briley struck the ball well past Chamberlain.

This goal was followed by a spell of nervous reaction as the Town sought to regain a comfortable lead and further chances were made and missed before the final whistle ended the agony.

Teams: Luton Town - Chamberlain, Breacker, Harvey, Kennedy, James, Dreyer, Wilson, Gray (Rees 75), Dowie, Preece, Black, Sub not used: McDonough. Millwall - Branagan, Steven, Dawes, McCarthy, Thompson, McLeary, Reid (Briley 76), Hurlock, Allen, Goddard, Stephenson (Sheringham 67).

Keith Hackett (Sheffield).

Attendance: 9,027.



• Kingsley Black, Iain Dowie and Danny Wilson are all pictured in action during the home win over Millwall. Pictures by Apex Photography, Milton Keynes.

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Top HATTER



PAUL GRAY

PAUL GRAY FACT FILE

Born: Portsmouth. 28/1/70

Source: Apprentice, 1986

League debut: Everton v Luton Town
1.1.90 (2-1)

Previous league clubs: none

Previous clubs: Bangor (Irish League)

Signed professional: 1988

Most memorable match: Coventry City this season

International caps: Northern Ireland schoolboy, youth and
under-21 teams

go and play in the reserves. It can be a bit difficult sometimes. But that's it. I am lucky to have played so many times for Jim Ryan that I know what he likes and he knows what I am capable of doing."

At 20, Paul is on the verge of a promising career. Last week, he travelled to Belfast with Kingsley Black and Iain Dowie to join up with the Northern Ireland under-21 squad. In the match against Israel he came on as a substitute and scored.

"It came from a free-kick. Iain managed to get in a header and I was able to reach his header and dived to score. Iain had scored the other goal earlier on when he headed in a rebound after the goalkeeper had saved a powerful shot.

"I suppose it is a significant feat for me because it was my first appearance at that level. Now I just want to settle down and hold my place in Billy Bingham's plans."

Paul made his first senior league appearance at Arsenal before Christmas and his full league debut at Goodison Park, against today's visitors Everton. He also made his first senior appearance against Everton two years ago as an 18-year-old when he and David Oldfield twinned up in attack for a Simod Cup tie.

"I've been very happy at Luton. Mal Donaghy made me welcome and helped me a lot when I first arrived and I have now taken up golf. Darron McDonough has given me some of his old clubs to use, but I'm pretty useless. Just a beginner. I like playing a bit of snooker too.

"People sometimes wonder about me being born in Portsmouth and being Irish, but that is because my dad was in the navy. Our family home is really in Belfast and it just happened that my mum was there when I was born during one of his shore leaves."

"So much faster"

"It is a lot quicker in the First Division. Much quicker than in the reserves. I think that is the first thing you really notice," said Paul Gray as he reflected on his progress in recent weeks. "It was always quick in the youth team because everyone was so keen and pumped up, but not so fast in the reserves."

Twelve months ago, Paul was fighting to overcome a knee ligaments injury which put him out of the game for a long period. Now he is delighted to have claimed a regular place in the first team squad and to have enjoyed a few senior appearances. But he is taking nothing for granted.

"There is no point in getting ever-confident or anything like that. When you are a squad player, you have to know that and do your best. Being a good squad player is part of the job and part of my football education. That's what it is about.

"Sometimes I am training all week with the first team squad and then on the Saturday I



PAUL GRAY

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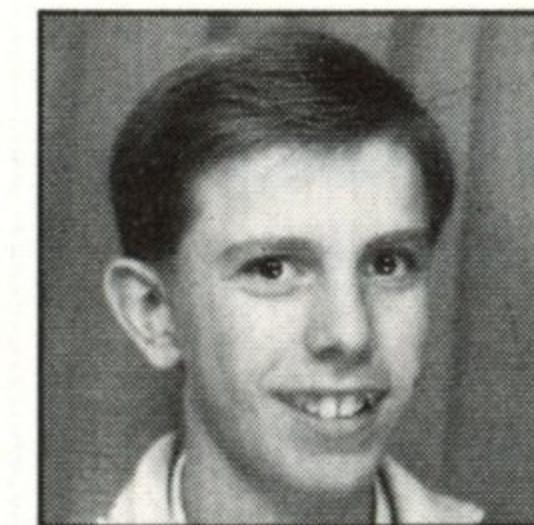
BARCLAYS Junior Hatters

ALL SET FOR THE SUMMER OUTING

- It was good to see some of you Junior Hatters at Norwich and Chelsea cheering us on. It makes us feel good to know that we are getting your support at away games as well as at home.
- Today I am going to let you know about the trip that I am organising for you in the summer. The day out will be to Drayton Manor Park on Saturday, June 9th.
- This is a family leisure Park, with a zoo and a farm with rare breeds and all the farm animals. The zoo has big cats, apes, tropical birds, bears, birds of prey, deer, and wallabies, there are sea-lions and penguin pools, and a reptile house.
- There is a host of rides for you to have a go on – like aerial cable cars, Rio Grande railway, buffalo mountain coaster, giant wheel, python looping coaster, gallopers, waltzer, giant slide, lakes with rowing boats, crazy golf and many more.
- You can take a packed lunch or you can buy refreshments from the many kiosks or the cafeteria.
- The price for this magnificent day out will be on a party booking. The price for the coach and entry to the park will be £6.50 for parents and £5.50 for Junior Hatters.
- A deposit of £1.00 per person will be required on booking. This can be done from the Oak Road Sports Shop. Book early please as we have to book the coaches.
- Lets make this a big family day out. The coaches will leave from the Oak Road Car Park at 9.00pm and will depart from Drayton Manor Park at 4.30pm.

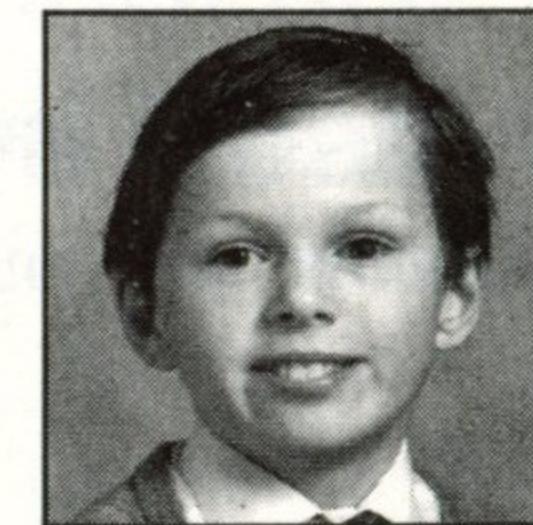
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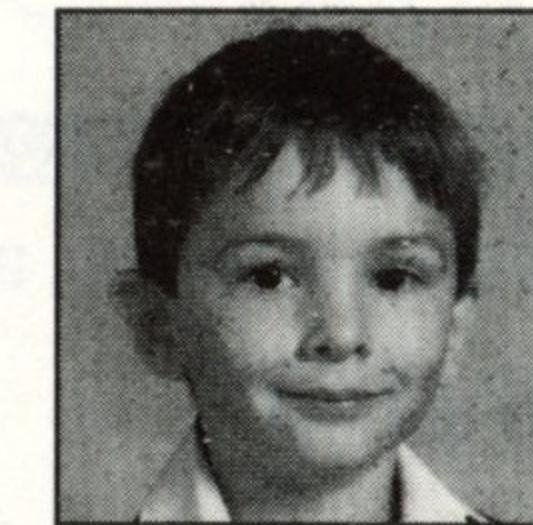


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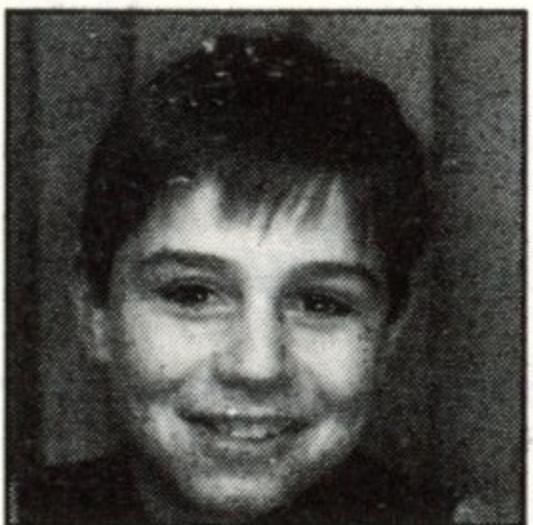
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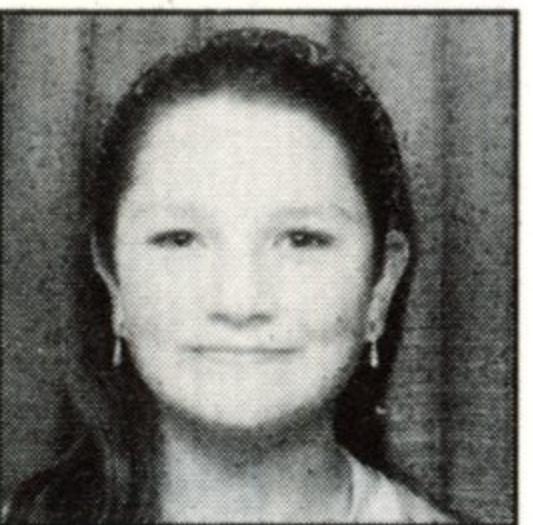
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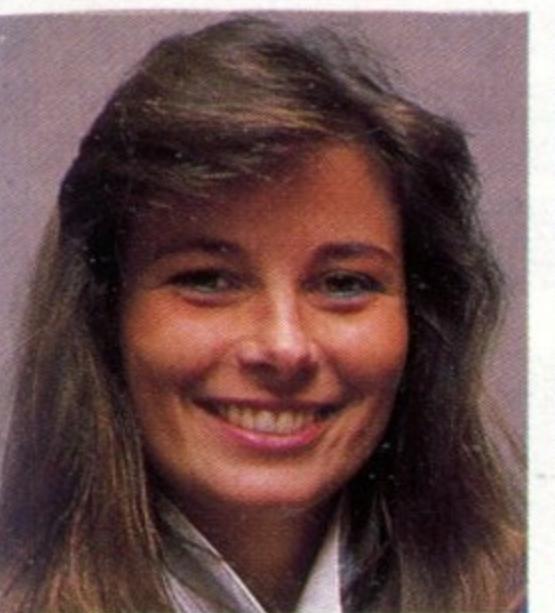
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The commercial department is now at a very busy stage as the season draws to a close. We are now organising appointments and sending out hundreds of letters to our sponsors, ground advertisers, programme advertisers, executive box holders and executive suite members in the hope that they will

continue to support the club and renew for another season.

New styles for the programme, Executive Members tickets and passes have to be thought about.

New ideas and commercial projects to increase the income also have to be set in motion.

So, as you can see, the closer a season comes to an end the busier it becomes for everyone involved.

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JOE PAYNE AND DIXIE DEAN - STARS OF THE PAST

The Town take the field today 54 years and one day after centre-forward Joe Payne made a laughing stock of a lowly Bristol Rovers defence by scoring ten goals as we held onto the slenderest of leads at the top of Division Three (South).

The Town recorded an amazing 12-0 victory, a Third Division record, that day. Joe's massive goal haul remains a record for an individual in a Football League match, one goal better than Robert Bell of Tranmere Rovers who netted nine times against Oldham Athletic earlier in the same season – luckily for Joe the Merseyside striker managed to miss a penalty!

Joe's 10-goal Easter Monday bonanza came in his first game as a centre-forward. Not surprisingly, he continued to lead the Luton attack. In the three remaining matches that season, he added one more goal, against Coventry City. However, the home draw with Coventry proved to be a crucial lost opportunity for the Hatters, and the Midlands club sneaked above us to take the Division Three

(South) title by a solitary point. In doing so, Coventry also secured the only promotion place into Division Two.

But the following season, 1936/37, the Town demonstrated their strength of character. They bounced back immediately, turning disappointment into success, by gaining the promotion they had so nearly earned 12 months previously. And, as if to prove that his goal-scoring flourish was no fluke, Joe Payne became the chief architect of the success, amassing a huge season's total of 55 goals, another Third Division record.

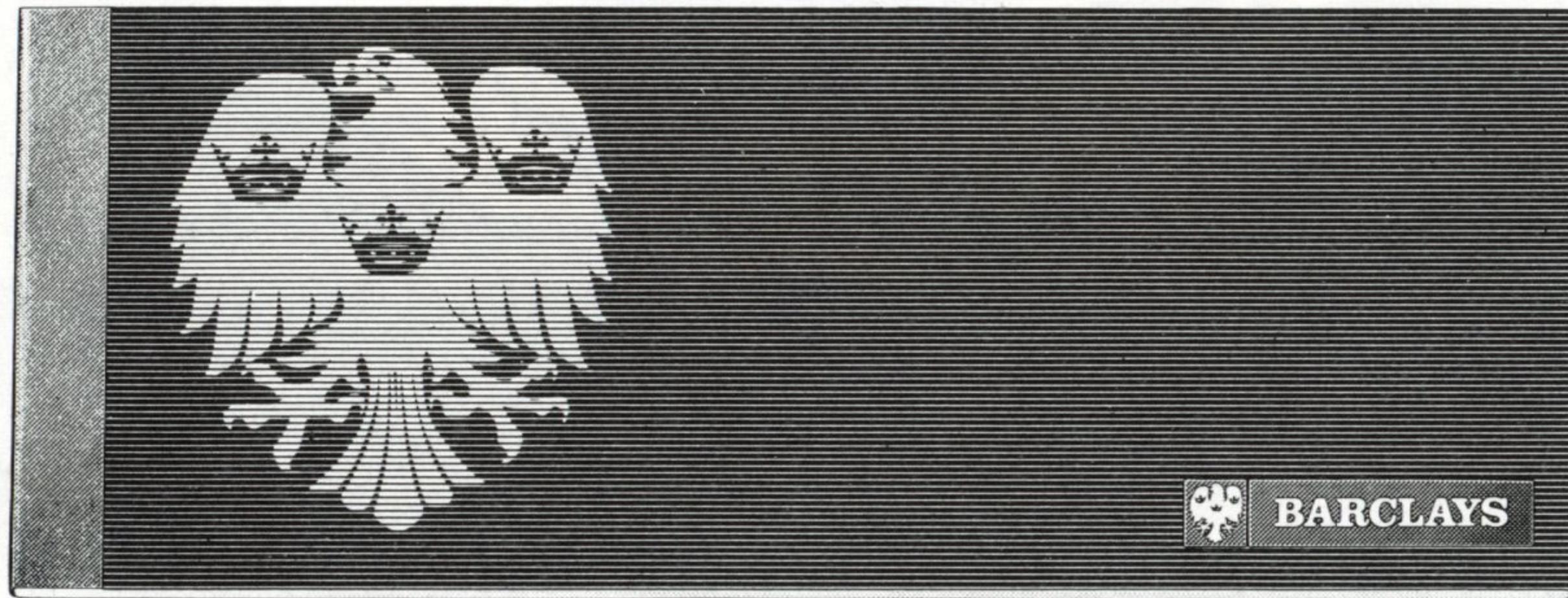
In fact, Joe's 55 goals ranks as third best in the overall list of highest individual scorers in the history of the Football League.

Of course, today's visiting Evertonians will remind their Luton counterparts that their legendary striking ace Dixie Dean heads that list, having collected 60 first Division goals during the 1927-28 season. But, despite his brilliance, Dixie could never match Joe's very special 10-goal haul.



•Wall of bodies: John Dreyer, Kingsley Black and Richard Cooke try to break up the Chelsea defence during our home clash earlier this season.

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• **Action replay:** Danny Wilson and John Dreyer are pictured in action during our 1-0 win over Everton here in January 1989. Roy Wegerle was the Town scorer.



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ON THE BALL

Paul Gray takes control of the ball during our last home match here against Manchester City. Paul has broken into the first team squad in recent weeks and also scored on his debut for Northern Ireland's under-23 team.



OFF THE RECORD

Old time supporters of Luton Town will often talk of the occasions when the then Third Division side reached the 6th Round of the F.A. Cup for the first time only to be drawn away to mighty Everton writes club statistician Roger Wash.

The Cup run of 1932/33 was almost over before it had started as the Town were held at home 2-2 by non-league Kingstonian in the first round and then struggled to win 3-2 in the replay before a record Kingston crowd of 6,227.

The next round saw Luton travel to previously unchartered territory – Stockport County of the Third Division North – but goals from Fred Kean, who played for Bolton in the 1929 FA Cup final, Andy Rennie and Tom Tait saw the Town through 3-2.

The reward for this win was another away draw in the North – this time to Barnsley – where after several scares a no-score draw was the outcome with the Town easily winning the replay 2-0 courtesy of further goals from Rennie.

If all the proceeding games had been fairly humdrum the town of Luton came to life when it was announced that Tottenham were to be the visitors to Kenilworth Road in the 4th Round. Although Tottenham were then only a Second Division side they were on their way to promotion and also boasted a fine F.A. Cup pedigree.

Several thousand fans made the short trip from North London with some staging an impromptu game on the Moor at 7.30am and with cup fever at its height 17,213 filled the ground to see if the Town could reach the 5th Round for the first time.

OUR LAST FIVE MEETINGS AT KENILWORTH ROAD

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1987/88	12/9/87	Luton 2 (Stein, Hill) Everton 1 Att: 8,124
1986/87	13/12/86	Luton 1 (Newell) Everton 0 Att: 11,151
1985/86	22/3/86	Luton 2 (Foster, Newell) Everton 1 Att: 10,949
1984/85	28/5/85	Luton 2 (Nwajiobi, Hill) Everton 0 Att: 11,509

* Roger Wash is our official club statistician.

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IT HAPPENED 35 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK ...

16th April 1955

In an important promotion struggle at Ewood Park, Blackburn, the Town came away with a point in a 0-0 draw. The game was watched by a crowd of 35,912.

IT HAPPENED 25 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK ...

16th April 1965

The Town were soundly beaten at home by Walsall to the tune of 3-1 with Ted Phillips scoring the Luton goal.

Amazingly Luton won the return at Fellows Park three days later!

Straw boaters were thrown into the air in the eighth minute when Tom Alderson converted a long centre from Arthur Mills to put the Town one up. Hardly had the cheering died down when Mills again, deputising for the suspended Rennie, set up Tait for the Towns second goal.

Mistakes were ripe on a bone-hard pitch but Tottenham, despite a second half comeback, could not break down the Luton defence and when the final whistle blew the delighted Town supporters invaded the pitch.

Enthusiasm waned slightly when it was learnt that Halifax away was the next hurdle but by the time of the match 2,000 Luton supporters travelled to the Shay swelling the crowd to a record 29,235.

Tait gave the Town the lead after 19 minutes but as a blizzard developed the match was suspended for half-an-hour after which Alan Nelson matched a second to pave the way to an easy victory.

League Champions Everton at Goodison Park was the reward for beating Halifax but despite the apparent hopelessness of the task Cup fever had reached such a peak that even the "Luton News" was convinced that the Town could go all the way.

Unfortunately with Alderson missing through injury and Rennie reduced to a limping passenger after 20 minutes First Division class told and the Town were on the receiving end of a 6-0 mauling.

The only consolation on what was then the biggest day in the Club's history was a shareout of the 55,431 gate and the satisfaction that Dixie Dean had been restricted to only one goal.



•Emeka Nwajiobi was a Town scorer against Everton here five years ago.

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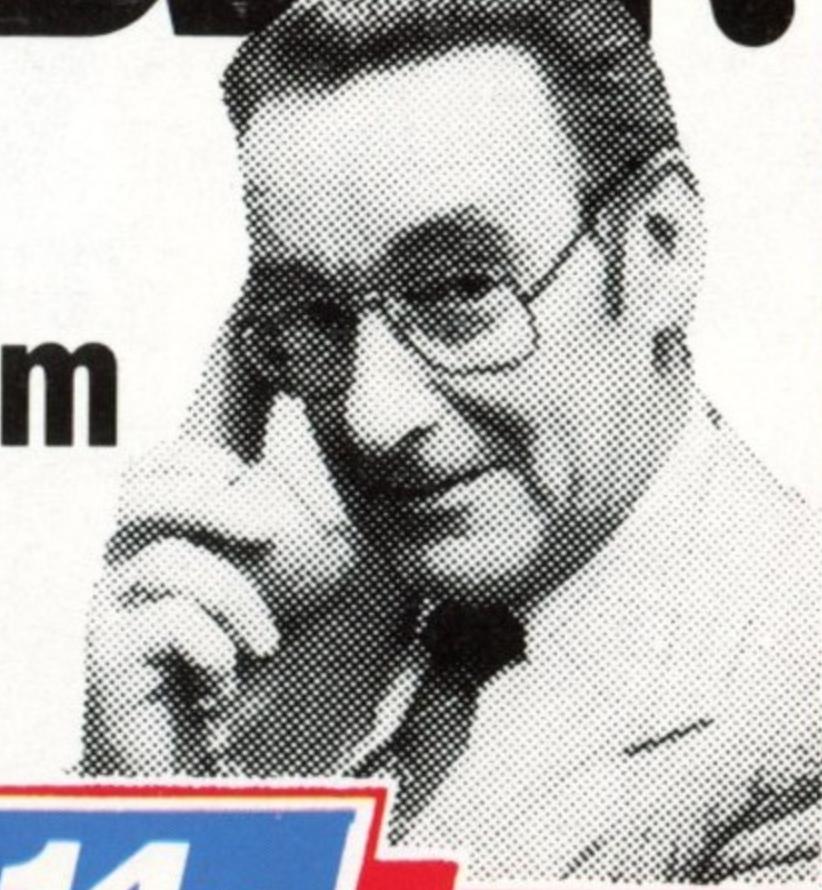
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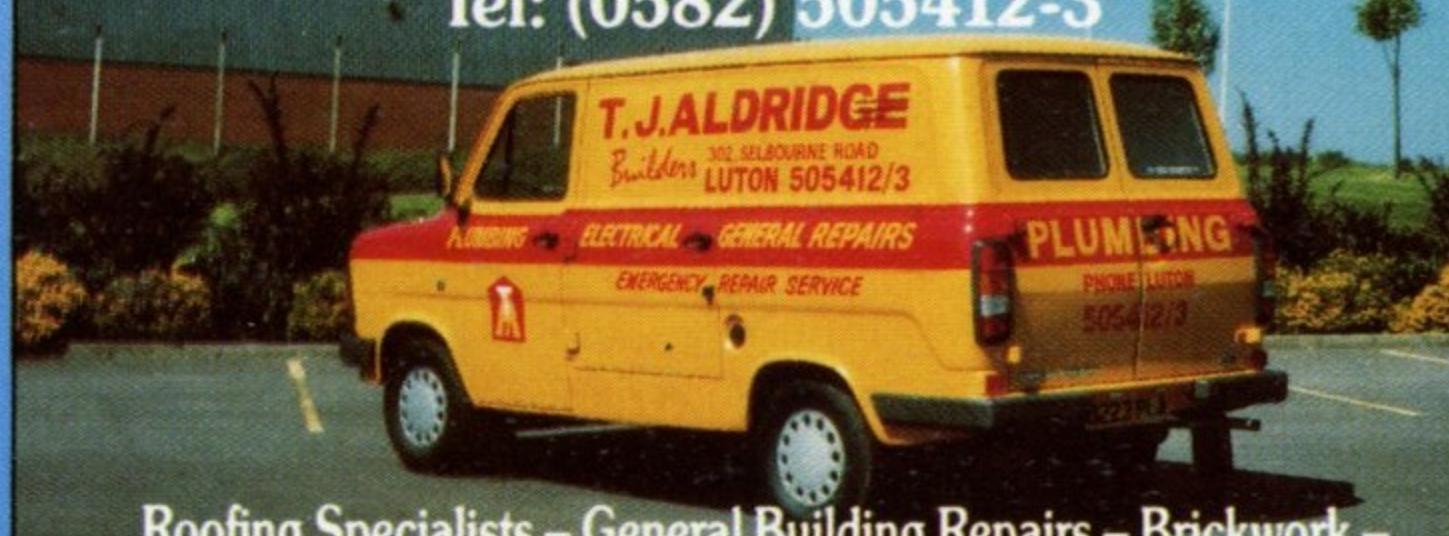
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WELCOME TO... EVERTON

● This afternoon, we welcome Everton to Kenilworth Road. Many spectators here today will have seen the Toffees on television last week when they enjoyed a 4-0 victory over Nottingham Forest in a match broadcast live from Goodison Park.

● Everton's team in action that night was: Southall, Snodin (Nevin 17), Pointon (Sheedy 67), McDonald, Ratcliffe, Whiteside, Atteveld, McCall, Sharp, Cottee, Beagrie. Tony Cottee, who was transfer listed earlier this season after losing his first team place to our former striker Mike Newell, and Norman Whiteside shared the goals with two apiece in front of 17,795 fans.

● Victory that might lift Everton up to fourth place in the First Division table and within striking distance of a place in Europe next season should the ban on English clubs be lifted this year following the World Cup finals.

● If they do succeed in playing in European competition next season, it would be a well-deserved reward as they were the first English champions to be prevented from enjoying Continental excursions after the Heysel tragedy.

● Everton were formed in 1878 when the St Domingo Church Sunday School created a club which played at Stanley Park. Enthusiasm was so great that in November 1879 they decided to expand their membership and changed their name to Everton playing in black shirts with a white

sash. They were nicknamed the 'Black Watch.' Royal blue was not adopted until 1901.

● Since the early days, the club has had comparatively few managers. The men in charge have been: W.E. Barclay (1888-89), Dick Molyneux (1889-1901), William Cuff (1901-18), W.J. Sawyer (1918-19), Thomas H. McIntosh (1919-35), Theo Kelly (1936-48), Cliff Britton (1948-56), Ian Buchan (1956-58), Johnny Carey (1958-61), Harry Catterick (1961-73), Billy Bingham (1973-77), Gordon Lee (1977-81), Howard Kendall (1981-87), Colin Harvey (1987-)

● Everton have won the championship nine times, most recently in 1987, and also finished as runners-up in the league seven times. They have won the F.A. Cup four times and won the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1985.

● They have been at their present home stadium of Goodison Park since 1892 and it has become one of the great venues in English football. On September 18, 1948, 78,299 packed in there to see an F.A. Cup semi-final replay between Liverpool and Manchester United. The modern capacity is 50,059 with 25,000 seated.

● Everton's greatest goalscorer is William Ralph 'Dixie' Dean who scored 60 goals in the 1927-28 season in the First Division and struck a career total of 349 for the Blues between 1925 and 1937. See pages 29 for full story.

● Last weekend, Everton beat QPR 1-0.



Back Row (left to right): Pat Van Den Hauwe, Mike Newell, Neville Southall, Dave Watson, Mike Stowell, Martin Keown, Stefan Rehn. Middle Row: Graham Smith (Youth Team Coach), Terry Darracott (Asst Manager), Neil McDonald, Paul Bracewell, Graeme Sharp, Neil Pointon, John Ebbrell, Mike Lyons (Reserve Team Coach), Paul Power (Coach), Chris Goodson (Physiotherapist). Front Row: Pat Nevin, Stuart McCall, Tony Cottee, Kevin Ratcliffe, Colin Harvey (Manager), Raymond Atteveld, Kevin Sheedy, Ian Snodin, Norman Whiteside.

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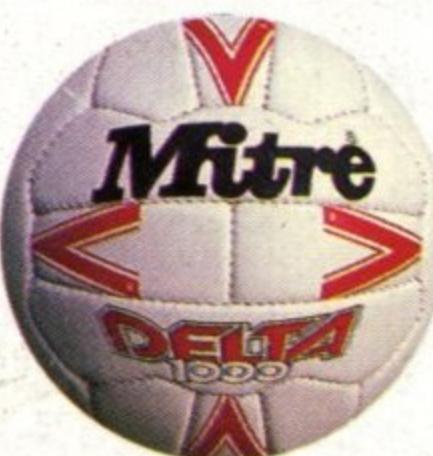
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4	Neil McDonald
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8	Stuart McCall
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