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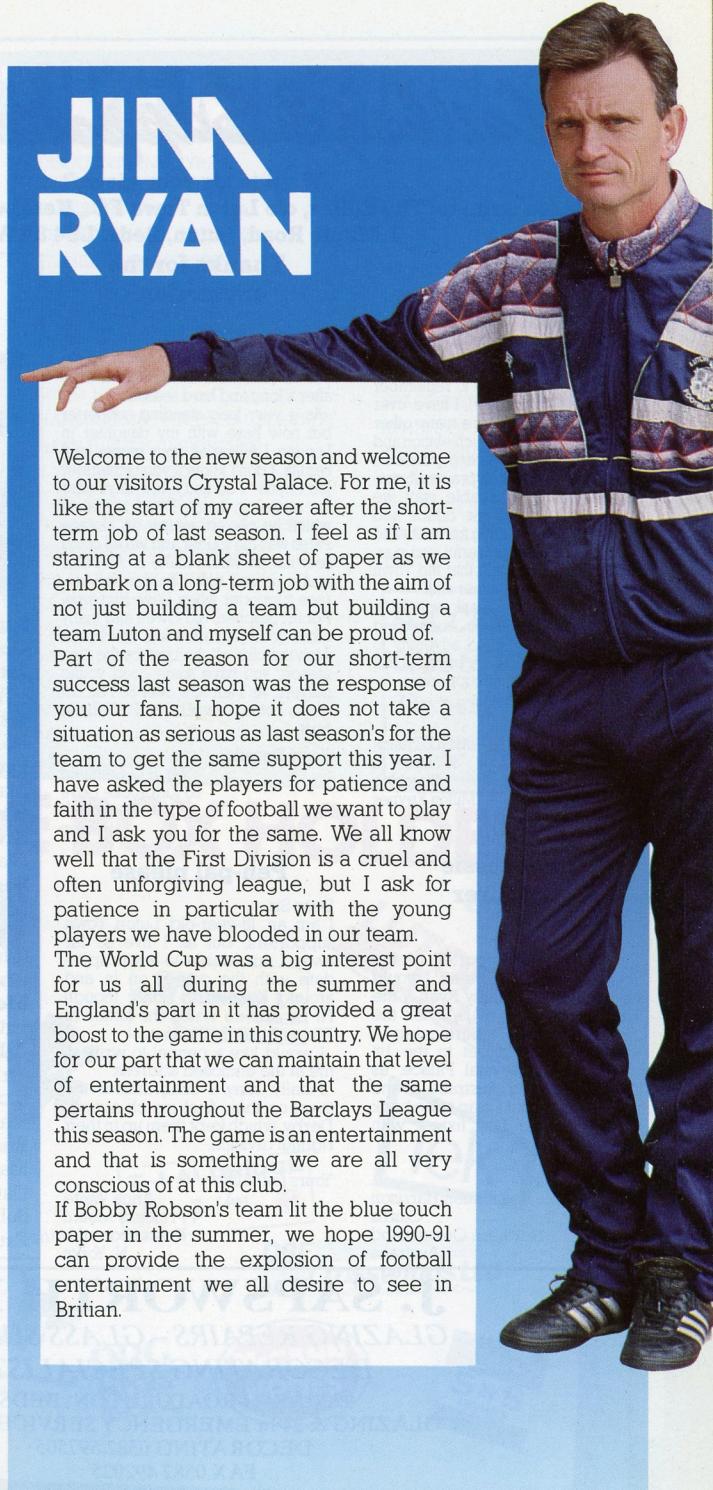
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Please write to: The Editor, c/o Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds. LU4 8AW.

Great
Stuff

Thanks for the
memories!

Dear Sir

Having been a Town supporter for more years than I care to remember (about 35 to be precise), I have, over that period as I am sure many other Hatters have suffered such elation and remorse in our footballing pursuits I felt it was important to praise all concerned in the admirable way we (once again) stuffed the critics, and killjoys of our footballing fraternity and showed to all the powerful and conquering in the division that the Town are made of much sterner stuff.

As a very long standing supporter but now here with my daughter in London I follow all your games and results. I don't know if you remember Joe Payne? I do and a few days after his arrival in Luton I had a trial in which he played against us. Horace Pates was the trainer and we all could see that he would make it. As I also was a season ticket holder and terrace supporter when Dave Richards, Robert Stephen, Sid Owen and many other good players, I feel that I must wish the club all the best for the next season, you have some good young players. As I am now over 80 I do not get to Luton, I wish Luton F.C. all the best.

Yours sincerely

Mr. D. Philips
30 Napier St
Bletchley
Milton Keynes

FAN FILE

No 1: ALAN ADAIR



Supporters Club No:- 474

Occupation:- Print Sales

1st home game:- Exeter (FACl Rep) 1.12.66 Won 2-0
1st away game:- Watford Div 3 5.10.68 Lost 1-0

Favourite player (Past), Malcolm Macdonald, (Present), Jason Rees

Favourite other team/s:- Glasgow Rangers, Hartlepool

Best goal:- Graham French v Mansfield (H) 68-69
Visited league grounds:- 67 (plus Chester, Bristol R & Charlton Old)

Most memorable game:- Littlewoods Cup Final 1988

All time team:- Jake Findlay, Kirk Stephens, Steve Buckley, Ricky Hill, Steve Foster, Mal Donaghy, Graham French, Brian Stein, Malcolm Macdonald, Mick Harford, David Moss.

Subs:- Peter Anderson, Paul Putcher.

Pen-pal please

Dear Sir

I am an 18-year-old Luton Town supporter, but as I live so far away I am unable to keep up-to-date with the goings on in and around Kenilworth Road; though I'll be able to watch the action at Elland Road this season.

I would like a penpal to write to me at the enclosed address.

Finally, may I congratulate the team on their final match against Derby, which kept them up in their rightful division.

Yours faithfully

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Parking: There is plenty of street parking available in the Highbury area.

Southampton v Luton Town
Saturday, September 1, 1990

The Deli, Milton Road,
Southampton, Hampshire SO9 4XX

By train: From Luton, travel to London. Change and travel from Waterloo to Southampton Central Station. Please check exact times with British Rail or a travel agent.

By road: Take the M1 south, then the M25 and then the M3 to Southampton. If approaching from the north take the A33 into the Avenue and take a right into Northlands Road. At the end turn right into Archers Road for The Dell. If approaching from the east, via the M27, take the A334 to A3024 towards The West into Commercial Road. Turn right into Hill Lane and then first right into Milton Road for The Dell.

NEW SOCCERLINE NUMBER

Please make a note of the new number being used this season for our up-to-the-minute Soccerline news service. The number is 0839 664466. Soccerline brings you all the latest news and views on Luton Town FC.

BOOKWORMS HELP, PLEASE

Hungarian sports journalist Hoblyak Ferenc requests help from Town fans who are prepared to part with any badges, emblems, programmes, books, flags, magazines or photographs to assist him in researching and preparing a book on British Football.

If you have any football memorabilia you can pass on to him, please write to him at the following address: Hoblyak Ferenc, Jokai str. 20 x /29, 1195 BUDAPEST, Hungary.

WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It is a great pleasure to welcome all our supporters back to Kenilworth Road for a new season. After last season's dramatic conclusion, we are all looking forward to a more successful and less stressful league season, with perhaps a cup run, and we wish all the players the very best of luck in the months ahead.

Having met many supporters recently at the Luton Town Supporters Club meeting, I know how much feeling there is for our club here in Luton. As you will know, we have sold two players recently, both in accordance with the agreed strategy put together and developed with the full agreement of Jim Ryan.

He wants to see a squad which is more manageable and we fully agree with him in taking the required measures. We shall certainly be looking to strengthen the team during the course of the season, but not in panic. We will only be interested in players who fit in with our plans and our own style of play.

Although David Kohler and myself only took control of the club in May, we feel very much at home already at Kenilworth Road. We have been welcomed by the staff and fans and enjoy the strong family atmosphere for which Luton Town has always been well-known. A football club's lifeblood is its supporters and we want to be able to provide them with what they want to see more than anything else - an attractive brand of football allied to success.

That and the fostering of a family tradition at Luton Town are two of the main aims we have established here since taking over and we will do our utmost to make sure both ambitions are realised as soon as possible.

Peter Nelkin, Chairman

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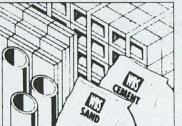
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JUMPING HIGH

Goalscorer Iain Dowie is caught in a mid-air tussle at Birmingham in last Saturday's 1-0 win.

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BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Arsenal v Luton Town
Wednesday, August 29, 1990.
Kick-off 7.45 p.m.

Tickets for seats at £7 are available from the ticket office in Kenilworth Road until 4 p.m. on Wednesday (29th) or from the ticket office at Arsenal until kick-off. Standing tickets are available at £6 for adults and £3.50 for senior citizens and juniors.

Southampton v Luton Town
Saturday, September 1, 1990. Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Tickets for seats for this match are available at £8.50 until 12 noon on Friday (Aug 31) from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road or from Southampton on the day. Standing tickets are available at £5. Please use turnstiles 12 and 13.

Luton Town v Leeds United
Saturday, September 8, 1990.
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Tickets for this match are on sale after today's match. Please note that there will be NO GUEST TICKETS available on the day of the match.

Luton Town v Man United
Tuesday, September 4, 1990. Kick-off 7.45 p.m.

Tickets for this match are now on sale to all members. Normal guesting rules will apply.

**FORTHCOMING MATCHES AT
KENILWORTH ROAD**

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Luton Town v Southampton
Saturday, September 1, 1990
Kick-off 2.00 p.m.

Barclays League Division One
Luton Town v Manchester United
Tuesday, September 4, 1990
Kick-off 7.45 p.m.

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by BILL TOMLINS

I THE TOWN

WELCOME BACK AFTER

JULIAN WINS CAP



• Congratulations: Julian James won England U-21 recognition in Toulon at the end of last season.

Saying goodbye: Richard Harvey and Kurt Nogan show their affection for Jean Bridges, our long-serving receptionist, who left last week. We all wish Jean the very best of luck for the future.



Welcome to Crystal Palace, FA Cup finalists last season, and our final home opposition of the old campaign. It is strange how football can produce this sort of unexpected return fixture so quickly and, of course, in such different circumstances. But for us, it is nice to have a home game as we have been making regular requests to start the season at home since the last time it happened in 1985.

A warm welcome home too to John Moore, our former manager and of course a former long-serving player and coach at the club, who has rejoined the coaching staff. John is a Luton Town man to the core and we are all pleased to see him back with us.

I am also delighted to report that the club's first official handbook since 1985 will be published during the next few days. It is expected to go on sale before our home clash with Manchester United on Tuesday, September 4, when the club's new Soccerline service, offering our fans a chance to enjoy much closer links with the club through a new comprehensive six-line information and booking system is poised to begin operating.

Both the handbook and the new

Soccerline service are examples of the policy of our owners Peter Nelkin and David Kohler, who took control of the club last May, to strengthen the family feeling of Luton Town and foster much closer contacts with the supporters.

The new Soccerline service, which has retained the existing number of 0839 664466, will offer a 'menu' of six choices to callers - the latest club news, a regular star interview with a player, a ticket update and booking service, a fans phone-in giving you the chance to have your say and be answered, a lottery prize-line and a digest of 'next week' at Kenilworth Road.

The fans phone-in, giving everyone the chance to make direct contact with the club, is obviously going to bring us a fair share of criticism from time to time as well, we hope, as a little bit of praise, but it will clearly help us to keep improving all our services to the supporters.

Obviously, the new Soccerline service, which embraces the ticket office too, is designed to generate extra income for the club as well as bring us closer to our supporters. The great thing is that each inquiry going through Soccerline for information or tickets will be helping

A SUMMER OF CHANGES

to support the club. The ticket office, of course, will remain operational during its normal office hours for regular tickets bookings.

A lot has happened during the summer and we have said goodbye to Neil Poutch, Gary Cobb and Alan O'Sullivan, who were released, and Les Sealey, Danny Wilson and Mick Kennedy. To all we send best wishes. At the end of last season, we were discussing proposals for seating in the Kenilworth Stand. Clearly, this has not happened and the reasons for this, which centre around uncertainties arising from the Taylor Report, I have covered in our handbook.

The close season also saw far-reaching changes to the laws of the game. First among these was the inclusion of shinguards in the list of compulsory equipment for players, a move designed to prevent serious injuries in the modern game.

The off-side rule has also changed. The new text to the Laws of the Game makes it clear that a player is not off-side if he is in line with the second last opponent. The text actually reads:

"(1) A player is in an off-side position if he is nearer to his opponents' goal-line than the ball

unless (a) he is in his own half or (b) he is not nearer to his opponents' goal-line than at least two of his opponents.

"(2) A player who is level with the second last opponent or with the last two opponents is not in an off-side position.

"(3) A player shall not be declared off-side by the referee (a) merely because of his being in an off-side position, or (b) if he receives the ball, direct from a goal-kick, a corner-kick or a throw-in."

The rule on the so-called 'professional foul' has also changed and now reads:

"If in the opinion of the referee a player who is moving towards his opponents' goal with an obvious opportunity to score a goal is intentionally and physically impeded by unlawful means, ie an offence punishable by a free-kick (or a penalty kick), thus denying the attacking player's team the aforesaid goal-scoring opportunity, the offending player shall be sent off the field of play for serious foul play in accordance with Law XII (n)."

All the changes will add interest this season. I hope you enjoy it - and thank you for your support. I know we all appreciate it.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY



JOHN DREYER

SURPRISED BUT PROUD

After using three different captains during pre-season training, our manager has finally made his decision...and opted for myself. It came as a pleasant surprise to me and something I feel very proud to do for myself and the club.

As captain, I would firstly like to wish my predecessor Danny Wilson and his midfield partner Mick Kennedy all the very best at their respective clubs. With their departure, I can already hear the critics putting us down. That is always a motivating factor.

Young Talent

With the crop of young talent we have here at Luton and the great enthusiasm and determination we have throughout the club, I am sure we can achieve success and make everyone eat their words.

Today, we entertain this year's FA Cup finalists Crystal Palace, an ambitious club, who have been busy in the transfer market this summer. They have signed some very experienced players.

But I believe that with our attitude and your tremendous backing, we can gain a good result and start the new campaign in the right style and in the right manner.



• Captain John: John Dreyer took the armband at Birmingham

FIRST TEAM ACTION

Birmingham City 0 Luton Town 1

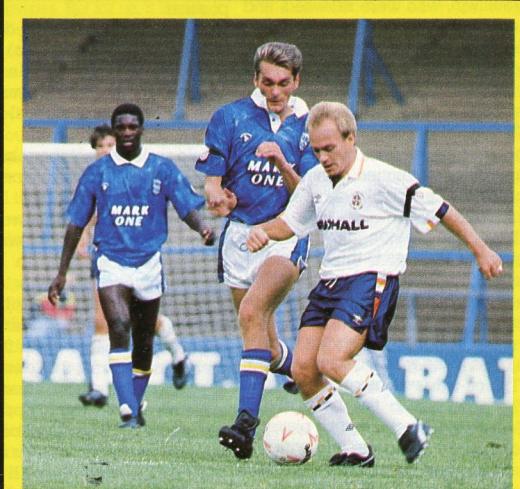
Iain Dowie scored the winner at Birmingham last Saturday with a powerful far-post header from a lovely move which saw Darron McDonough deliver a great pass and Lars Elstrup provide a perfect cross. Iain might have had another a few minutes later but was out of luck on a day when the Town had the best of proceedings without ever really threatening a goal riot.

Following the departure of Danny Wilson and Mick Kennedy, there were midfield opportunities for McDonough and for Ceri Hughes and both did well as a reshaped team settled down to record the second win in four pre-season outings.

Dowie's goal, after 62 minutes, was his third in four outings and proved he has carried on where he left off last year in the sort of form which earned him full Northern Ireland recognition alongside Kingsley Black.

Town team: Chamberlain, Breacker, Beaumont, Dreyer, James, Hughes, McDonough, Preece, Black, Elstrup, Dowie.

Subs used: Rees, Harvey, Nogan.



•David Preece, Kingsley Black, Darron McDonough and Ceri Hughes are all pictured in action during last weekend's 1-0 win over Birmingham City at St. Andrews. Iain Dowie was the Town goalscorer.

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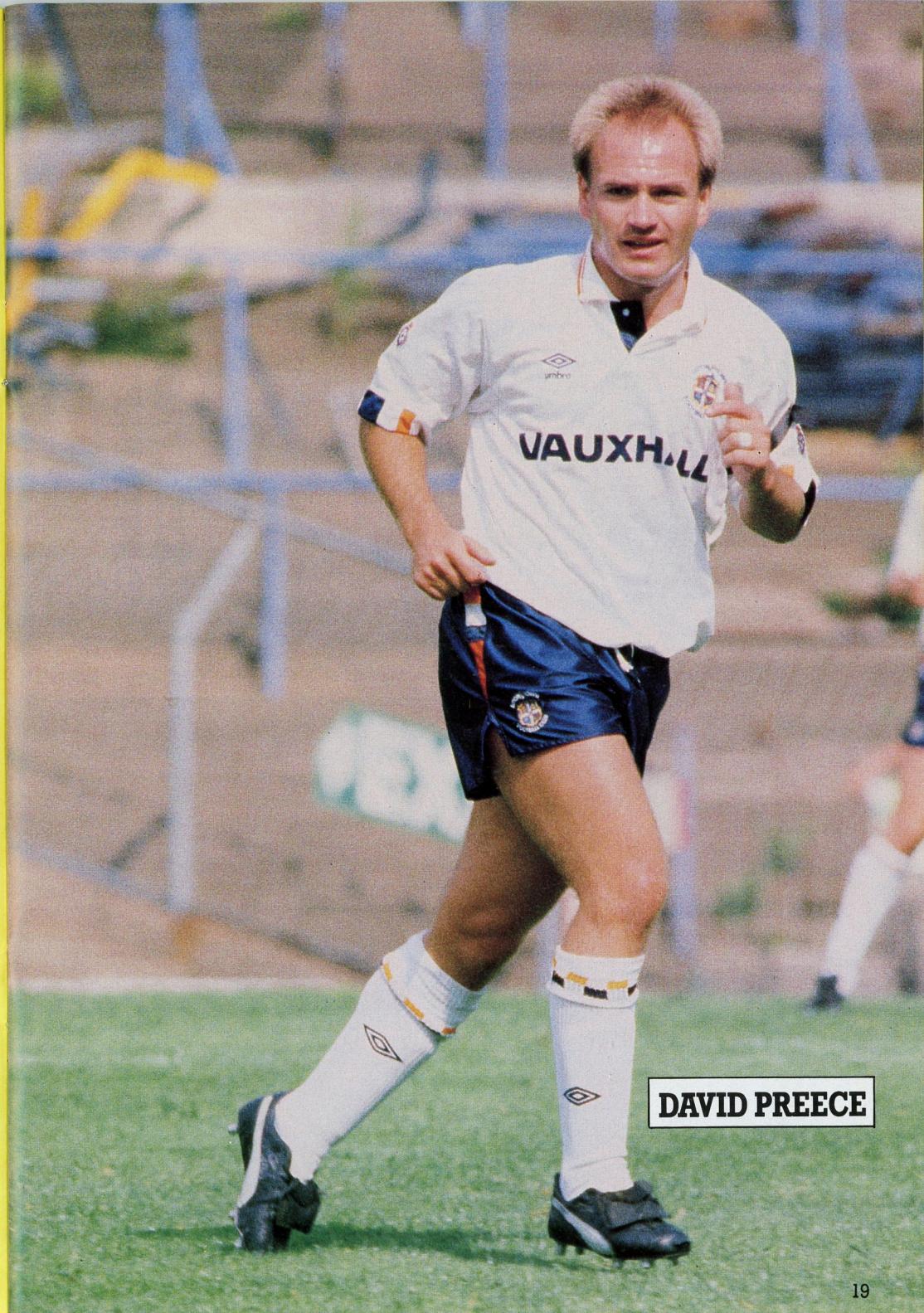
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PLAYER PROFILE DAVID PREECE

Name: David William Preece

Born: Bridgnorth 28.5.63

Height: 5ft 5ins.

Weight: 11st.

Married: Yes, to Louise.

Children: One girl, Tabitha.

Clubs: Walsall, Luton Town.

How many O Levels: None.

Hobbies? Golf and cricket.

Favourite food? Steak and chips.

Which day of the week do you dislike most? Sunday.

What is your favourite ground and why?

Kenilworth Road because we win more games here!

Who is your favourite other player and why? Gazza. He is the most skilful around.

Have you got a nickname at Luton? Yes, Mini.

What is your idea of relaxation? An afternoon with the baby or going to the bookies!

If forced to seek a new job tomorrow, what would it be? A sports teacher.

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BARCLAYS Junior Hatters

WELCOME
TO THE NEW
SEASON

- Welcome back to what looks like being a good season. I am Jason Rees, your new president for this season. I was really taken aback when I was asked to take over from Kingsley Black, then I thought if Kingsley can do it so can!
- I must say that I feel honoured to be asked to be your President. It is my job now to thank Kingsley for all the hard work that he put into the Junior Hatters last season.
- He even turned up for the Junior Fun Day in June after coming out of hospital the day before, well done Kings! He told me that he enjoyed being the Junior Hatters President. Thank you, Kingsley, from all of us.
- I am pleased to let you know that we are still going to do a lucky members draw for all our home games, as we have in the past.
- Next Saturday we are running a coach to Southampton to play football in the morning with the Junior Saints and in the afternoon we will travel to the Dell to see the first team play and give them our support.
- We will be fielding two age groups – under 11 years and under 14 years. This will be played indoors, 6-a-side.
- If you would like to take part and play for the Junior Hatters, the coach will be leaving from the top of Oak Road at 8.45am.
- The price will be £5.50 for Juniors and £6.50 for parents. A packed lunch is recommended.
- You can book after today's game from the Oak Road Sports Shop. Please book early as we are only running one coach and this trip is always popular.

Jason Rees

LUCKY NUMBERS

Today's Lucky Junior Hatters membership number is 290216 – Nicola Tiley. Well done Nicola. You have won two free tickets to one of our home games. Bring your membership card with you to show Bev Tyler in the Sports Shop in Oak Road when you collect them.

Have a good day and I hope to see you all at our next home game when our visitors are Manchester United.

Enjoy the match.

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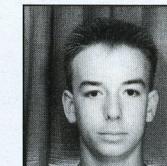


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BARCLAYS JUNIOR HATTERS COMPETITION – MATCH NO. 1

Q1 Bruce Rioch played for Luton. What team is he manager of now? **A1** 2

Q2 How many league appearances did John Faulkner make when he played for Luton? **A2** 2

Name Address

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BY WENDY GRZYBOWSKA

IN THE SHOP WINDOW NOW



• Bev Tyler helps show off some of our latest range of leisure wear on sale now at Burton's with assistant manager Nick Waldock.

NEW SPORTS WEAR NOW

First of all, a very warm welcome back to the new season here at Kenilworth Road where you will already have seen that we have new electronic scoreboard advertisers in DBF Crosswinds.

They have agreed a two-year contract with the club and we are very grateful to Les Martin for his support. DBF Crosswinds are based at Martin House, Unit A, Cradock Road, Luton.

Visitors to the club's shop in Oak Road will also know already that our new stock of sports and leisure wear is on sale. This terrific range is not only available here at the club this season, but also from Burton's Menswear Store in the Luton Arndale Centre and any supporters who fancy a visit to the Burton's shop are certain of a warm welcome if they make inquiries.

The Sports Shop in Oak Road and Burtons also have for sale a great range of souvenir items. These include, for example, sets

of the four-volume video of the whole of last season including all the exciting action from our thrilling league games.

In due course, we hope to extend our relationship with Burtons and have our stock on sale in their Dunstable, Milton Keynes and Bedford branches, so giving all our supporters throughout the area a great chance to keep supporting the club whenever they go shopping.

We are also pleased to announce to our members that we have again agreed with the Luton and District Transport company the continuation of the superb offer we launched last season.

This means that any members using Luton and District buses on any Saturday during the league season will again be charged only half-price on production of their membership cards.

Our match sponsors today are Luton North Rotary Club and our Executive Box number 28 is taken by Luton International Airport (LIA). We are delighted to welcome both companies and hope LIA Director David Bates and his family and guests enjoy their day.

Luton North Rotary Club have raised more than £8,000 in recent years for charity from their sponsorship of matches here at Luton Town and we have always given them our whole-hearted encouragement and support.

The Rotary Club wish to express their gratitude to the many local businesses who have supported them particularly the following: National Westminster Bank, J. Sapsworth, Glazing and

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Once again, the Rotary Club will be raising funds for the Luton and South Beds Hospice and other local charities today. The Hospice Fund has now reached almost £1.2 million out of a target £1.5 million needed to build the Hospice and cover the first two years' running costs.

The Rotary Club will be making a bucket collection for the Hospice Appeal on Saturday, October 27, when the Town play Everton, and I hope we will all join together then in supporting their appeal as generously as possible. Our ball sponsors today are Davroy Ltd who have done all the steel work in the ground in erecting our safety barriers.

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Date	Opponents	Result
1990/91	F-A	
Aug	29 Fulham	
Sept	1 Southampton	
Sept	11 Chelsea	
Sept	15 Watford	
Sept	25 Charlton Athletic	
Sept	29 West Ham United	
Oct	6 Wimbledon	
Oct	10 Brighton & Hove Albion	
Oct	13 Reading	
Oct	20 Chelsea	
Oct	27 Portsmouth	
Nov	3 Crystal Palace	
Nov	10 Millwall	
Nov	20 QPR	
Nov	28 Swindon Town	
Dec	1 Oxford United	
Dec	12 Reading	
Dec	15 Wimbledon	
Dec	22 Charlton Athletic	
Jan	5 Tottenham Hotspur	

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Jan	18 Norwich City
Jan	22 Portsmouth
Jan	26 QPR
Feb	6 Oxford United
Feb	9 Arsenal
Feb	16 Fulham
Feb	23 Tottenham Hotspur
Mar	5 Watford
Mar	9 Swindon Town
Mar	20 Crystal Palace
Mar	23 Ipswich Town
Mar	30 Southampton
Apr	8 Millwall
Apr	16 Norwich
Apr	20 Ipswich Town
Apr	23 Arsenal
May	2 West Ham United
May	4 Brighton & Hove Albion

BPC = Bedfordshire Premier Cup

MATCH FACTS

Fixtures:	Stotfold
Venue:	Away
Date:	15-8-90
Result:	win 3-2
Scorers:	Tighe(2), Salton

MATCH FACTS

Fixtures:	Brighton
Venue:	Away
Date:	18-8-90
Result:	Draw 1-1
Scorers:	Gray

MATCH FACTS

Fixture:	Southampton
Venue:	Away
Date:	15-8-90
Result:	Lost 3-0
Scorers:	-

MATCH FACTS

Fixtures:	Orient
Venue:	Away
Date:	18-8-90
Result:	Lost 1-2
Scorers:	Newman

OVENDEN PAPERS FOOTBALL COMBINATION FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	38	26	6	6	84	51	84
Tottenham Hotspur	38	25	6	7	93	47	81
Chelsea	38	22	6	10	78	47	72
Millwall	38	20	11	7	58	36	71
Norwich City	38	20	7	11	66	41	67
Wimbledon	38	18	9	11	69	46	63
West Ham United	38	18	7	13	83	59	61
Oxford United	38	16	9	13	73	58	57
Brighton & Hove Albion	38	15	6	17	52	66	51
Portsmouth	38	12	13	13	47	57	49
Swindon Town	38	15	3	20	58	68	48
Luton Town	38	13	8	17	68	70	47
QPR	38	14	5	19	65	93	47
Crystal Palace	38	11	10	17	56	50	43
Southampton	38	10	12	16	45	58	42
Ipswich Town	38	12	5	21	60	75	41
Watford	38	11	8	19	59	79	41
Reading	38	11	8	19	64	86	41
Charlton Athletic	38	11	6	21	49	70	39
Fulham	38	4	7	27	25	95	19

RESERVES - APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

Football Combination			Football Combination		
Apps	Gls		Apps	Gls	
ALLPRESS	23(2)	1	McDONOUGH	6	-
BEAUMONT	3	-	McGONAGLE	4(6)	1
BROWN	3(4)	1	NOGAN	19(3)	8
CAMPBELL	1(1)	-	O'BRIEN	5(1)	1
COBB	22(6)	5	O'SULLIVAN	7(6)	1
COOKE	17	4	PEMBRIDGE	28(2)	1
COOPER	-1	-	PETTERSON	23	-
CRAWSHAW	16(5)	4	POUTCH	27(2)	1
DOWIE	4	2	REES	18(2)	2
ELSTRUP	4	4	RICHARDS	5(1)	-
FARRELL	1	2	RODGER	5	-
GILLARD	1(3)	-	ROSENTHAL	2	3
GORMLEY	(2)	-	RUTHERFORD	(2)	-
GRAY	18	7	SALTON	14(4)	2
HARVEY	8	3	SCOTT	32(1)	2
HUGHES	25(2)	2	SEALEY	15	-
HARFORD	1	1	SHANLEY	2(5)	-
JACKSON	8	-	TELFER	3(8)	1
JAMES	9	1	TIGHE	19	3
JOHNSON M	11	2	THOMPSON	-	-
LAWFORD	(6)	-	WILLIAMS	11(1)	1



SOUTH EAST COUNTIES FINAL LEAGUE TABLE

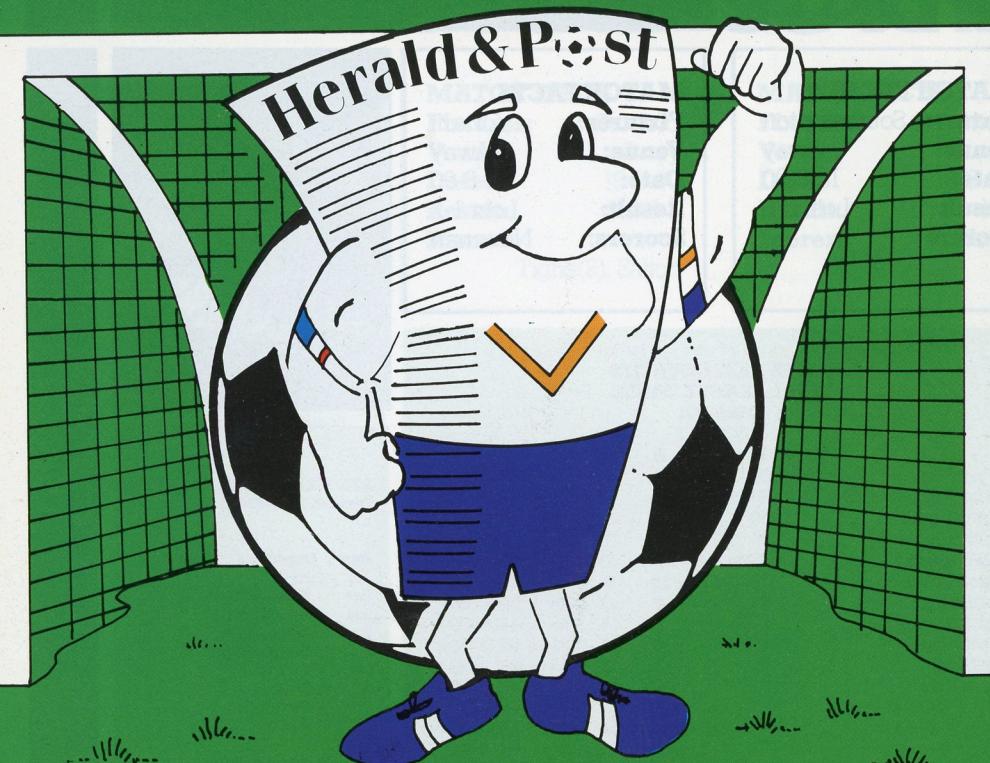
1989-90

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	30	23	5	2	74	23	51
Oxford United	30	19	4	7	69	34	42
Northampton	30	14	7	9	48	37	35
Southampton	30	13	8	9	41	37	34
Wimbledon	30	13	7	10	54	32	33
Luton Town	30	11	10	9	42	47	32
Brighton & Hove Albion	30	13	4	13	45	39	30
Colchester United	30	14	2	14	48	48	30
Bristol Rovers	30	14	2	14	51	60	30
Reading	30	12	5	13	43	38	29
Bristol City	30	13	3	14	43	40	29
A.F.C. Bournemouth	30	10	7	13	45	47	27
Brentford	30	10	6	14	47	51	26
Tottenham Hotspur	30	10	2	18	38	57	22
Swindon	30	9	4	17	37	57	22
Aldershot	30	3	2	25	26	104	8

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE Division Two 1990/91

Date	Opponents	Result
Aug	25 Bristol City	
Sept	1 Maidstone United	
Sept	8 Swindon Town	
Sept	10 Birmingham City	
Sept	15 Oxford United (LCA)	
Sept	22 Bournemouth	
Sept	23 Aldershot	
Oct	6 Oxford United	
Oct	13 Brentford	
Oct	20 League Cup 2	
Oct	27 Crystal Palace	
Nov	3 Tottenham Hotspur	
Nov	10 Reading	
Nov	17	
Nov	24 Bristol Rovers	
Dec	1 Southampton	
Dec	8 Wimbledon	
Dec	15 League Cup 3	
Dec	22 Brighton	
1991		
Jan	5 Bristol City	
Jan	12 Maidstone United	
Jan	19 Swindon Town	
Jan	26 Bournemouth	
Feb	2 Aldershot	
Feb	9 Oxford United	
Feb	16 Brentford	
Feb	23 Crystal Palace	
Mar	2 Tottenham Hotspur	
Mar	9 Reading	
Mar	16	
Mar	23 Bristol Rovers	
Mar	30 Southampton	
Apr	6 Wimbledon	
Apr	13 Brighton	

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Guest Spot

A MARVELLOUS DAY – ROY BENTLEY

Memories of that splendid victory at Derby last May have poured into the club during the summer. This one, from long-serving fan and reporter Roy Bentley, typified the feelings:

THE MEMORY of that marvellous day at Derby last May is still so very, very clear:

The beautiful, tantalizing but oh! so decisive winning goal by Kingsley Black;
Our joy (and great shouts of it) as Brian Swain, telephone at his ear, told us that Forest had won at Hillsborough;

The smiling Jimmy Ryan at his after-match press conference high up at the back of the Baseball Ground stand;

The Derby supporters, hundreds of 'em, actually applauding the Town fans!

The Derby press stewards who provided us with celebration booze and tasty meat pies before that happy, happy journey home.

What a day! What a lovely memory!

As a sports journalist with a national newspaper for a great many years I've spent a few thousand hours in press boxes at Kenilworth Road and all parts north, west, east and south in this still soccer-crazy island.

After game whisky and soda with Alex Stock, laughter and great friendship with the late Harry Haslam and so much appreciation of the dedication David Pleat gave to the manager's job and the super style of soccer he produced.

Great times and now in retirement I'm hoping there will be years of cheering on the Town. And never again writing a word of criticism, even if Iain Dowie does miss a sitter!

The two new governors to the financial rescue have a fine team management trio, Jimmy Ryan, John Faulkner and John Moore, Luton men through and through.

Jim, Max and Moooro, super blokes, have a tough season ahead to gather priceless points from all that wealth at the Merseyside, Manchester and London clubs.

If the First Division has 22 teams in 1991-92 survival chances are improved and Jim and Co have this season to mould a good team, playing an attractive style ready for the "Green, green grass of home" on this day next year.

And after that? A new stadium, a new century and we will still be seeing the very best of English soccer.
Yes, Luton's looking up!

And coming here next...

MANCHESTER UNITED

Manchester United, the F.A. Cup holders who ironically beat today's opponents Crystal Palace to lift the trophy last May, will be the next visitors to Kenilworth Road on Tuesday, September 4, kick-off 7.45pm.

Few supporters here today can have failed to notice that the United goalkeeper at Wembley on the night they lifted the trophy was our own former number one Les Sealey, who left the club during the summer to join United on a free transfer. Les is among a handful of new faces at Old Trafford for the new season and of course joins another former Town favourite Mal Donaghy on the Manchester club's books.

The other newcomers in Alex Ferguson's squad have been Denis Irwin, from Oldham Athletic and Neil Whitworth, formerly with Wigan Athletic and they will be keen to make their mark at the club most frequently regarded as one of the most famous and glamorous in Europe.

As European Cup winners in 1968, United were the first English club to lift the famous trophy and it has been a tough task for every team and manager since to follow such legendary names as George Best, Bobby Charlton and Denis Law.

But the new United, with Bryan Robson, Neil Webb, Danny Wallace, Paul Ince, Gary Pallister, Mark Hughes and the rest, under Mr Ferguson have shown they are capable of winning trophies and a truly memorable match is in prospect on September 4. Make sure you do not miss it.

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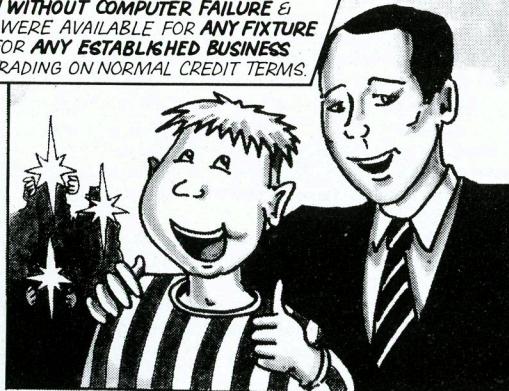
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Jason Rees and Kingsley Black set up another Town attack (below).

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The Football Trust 1990 has been created to help the game at all levels and to assist clubs meet the requirements of Lord Justice Taylor's Final Report.

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A fine new stand - one of the many initiatives supported by Trust funds.

WELCOME TO... **CRYSTAL PALACE**



Back Row: (l to r) Eddie McGoldrick; Dave Madden (now Maidstone); Mark Bright; Geoff Thomas; Phil Barber; John Pemberton (now Sheffield United); John Salako. Middle Row: (l to r) Alan Smith (Asst Manager); Mark Dennis; Jeff Hopkins; Gary O'Reilly; Perry Suckling; Andy Thorn; Nigel Martyn; Ian Wright; Alex Dyer; Rudi Hedman; Ian Branfoot (coach). Front Row: (l to r) Garry Thompson; David Burke (now Bolton); Alan Pardew; Steve Coppell (Manager); Andy Gray; Richard Shaw; David Whyte.

● Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road to Crystal Palace who were our final visitors here at the end of last season. After the fixture, of course, they went on to Wembley to meet play in the F.A. Cup final for the first time in their history, going down to Manchester United after a replay.

● The F.A. Cup final offered a unique twist in Palace's history. The club, formed originally in 1861, but re-born in its present form in 1905, made the original cup final venue its home until 1915.

● A Crystal Palace club, formed by the company that controlled the Crystal Palace building, was rejected by the F.A. who did not like the idea of the cup final hosts running their own club. This led to the formation of the present organisation in 1905.

● Since then, Palace have played at Crystal Palace (to 1915), Herne Hill (to 1918), The Nest (to 1924) and Sehurst Park. During this time, Palace's greatest achievements have been in finishing 13th in the First Division in 1980, winning the Second Division title in 1979, reaching the F.A. Cup semi-finals in 1976 and, of course reaching the final last May.

● Steve Coppell, who took over in succession to Dave Bassett in 1984, is the 20th post-war manager at Crystal Palace and follows a line of names which has included Laurie Scott, Arthur Rowe, Dick Graham, Bert Head, Malcolm Allison, Terry Venables, Dario Gradi, Steve Kember and Alan Mullery.

● Since taking over as manager, Mr Coppell has guided Palace to promotion from the Second Division and established them in the top flight and in the close season he showed his ambition to keep them among the elite by strengthening his squad with several signings.

● These have included John Humphreys, Glyn Hodges and Eric Young, three experienced First Division men. Humphreys was signed from relegated Charlton and is regarded as a quality full-back. Hodges came from our near-neighbours Watford and is a Welsh international left-winger while Young is a combative central defender signed from Wimbledon.

● Mr Coppell was one of several British managers who went to Italy to see the World Cup finals during the close season.

OFF THE RECORD

LOOKING BACK WITH PETER NICHOLAS

Newport-born Peter Nicholas joined Crystal Palace from school and made his debut as a 17-year-old on the opening day of 1977/78 in a 3-0 win at Millwall. Despite this winning start he made only one further appearance during the first half of that season but won his place back just before Christmas from when he never looked back, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

He was virtually ever present the following season as Palace won the Second Division Championship and amongst his three goals was one at Kenilworth Road in a 1-0 win during the promotion run-in.

Nicholas was a member of the unfortunately named "Team of the Eighties" as Palace were called but before they were relegated he transferred to Arsenal for £400,000 in March 1981. "Some people told me I was too young but it seemed a great move at the time. Unfortunately things did not go as well as I had anticipated," he said.

"The club were in a transitional period having lost Liam Brady and Frank Stapleton and we flopped sadly in every competition. To top it all I had a cartilage operation and then serious knee ligament trouble and when fit could not get back into the team.

"I started to panic as I had been made captain of Wales just before the injuries. I needed to play football so went back to Palace."

OUR LAST FIVE MEETINGS AT KENILWORTH ROAD

1973/74	23/2/74	Luton 2 (Jim Ryan, Butlin) Crystal Palace 1 Att: 14,281
1977/78	27/3/78	Luton 1 (Fuccillo) Crystal Palace 0 Att: 9,816
1978/79	24/3/79	Luton 0 Crystal Palace 1 Att: 11,008
1981/82	31/10/81	Luton 1 (Moss) Crystal Palace 0 Att: 11,712
1989/90	28/4/90	Luton 1 (Dowie) Crystal Palace 0 Att: 10,369

* Roger Wash is our official club statistician.

Anyone with inquiries or comments please write to him c/o The Editor, Luton Town F.C., Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1, Maple Road, Luton LU4 8AW.

IT HAPPENED.....

FIVE YEARS AGO (24/8/85) A Mick Harford penalty secured a 1-0 win at West Ham to give the Town a three match unbeaten start to the season

TEN YEARS AGO (23/8/80) Derby County upset the Town's winning start to the season by gaining a 2-1 victory at Kenilworth Road. Brian Stein scored the Luton goal.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO (23/8/75) A lacklustre performance at West Bromwich ended in a 1-0 defeat watched by a crowd of 13,875.

TWENTY YEARS AGO (22/8/70) In the Town's first home game back in Division Two Norwich City came for a point and went away with one in a 0-0 draw frustrating a crowd of 16,110 along the way.

It was generally regarded that Nicholas had made a rash move and it took Luton manager David Pleat (and £155,000) to rescue him from the wilderness in January 1985 to form part of the mid-season shake up which saw the arrival of Mark Harford, Steve Foster and David Preece in a bid to preserve First Division football.

With Nicholas slotting into the centre of midfield, relegation fears were thrust aside with style. He followed this up in his first full season with many superlative displays as the Town put into the background three years of struggle by finishing 9th and remained ever-present as a position of 7th was achieved in 1986/87.

It came as rather a bombshell when Aberdeen tendered a bid of £350,000 for Nicholas in August 1987 and he decided to make the move.

"I was very sad to leave and the only thing that made me consider the move was the chance of playing in European football. I enjoyed my time at Luton and could not say a bad word about anyone at the club", said Nicholas.

Unfortunately, despite enjoying his stay at Aberdeen an illness to one of his children forced him to move back South where he signed for Chelsea and helped them back into Division One.



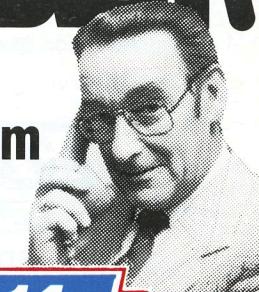
• Peter Nicholas is pictured in action for Luton against Liverpool.

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FOR THE RECORD

Today we begin a new 'football diary' to keep you up to date:

June 9: The World Cup opens in Rome with a shock 1-0 victory for Cameroon over world champions Argentina. The Africans end the game with nine men.

June 11: Scotland get off to a terrible start in their World Cup campaign-a 1-0 defeat by Costa Rica. England draw 1-1 with Ireland in Cagliari. Gary Lineker opens the scoring for England and Kevin Sheedy equalises eight minutes from time.

June 12: Holland only manage a draw with Egypt. The Egyptians odds are slashed from 100-1 to 3-1 to win group F.

June 14: Cameroon become first side to reach the second phase after a 2-1 win v Romania Roger Milla scoring both goals.

June 16: England adopt a sweeper system for the 0-0 game v Holland. Peter Shilton collects his record 120th cap.

June 16: Ireland draw 0-0 with Egypt to record the fourth draw in group F.

June 21: England, Ireland and Holland all qualify from group F after England beat Egypt and Holland v Ireland ends 1-1. Scotland fail to progress. Uruguay beat South Korea to take third place in their group.

June 22: Bryan Robson is forced to return home for an operation on an achilles tendon injury.

June 23: Two goals from Roger Milla book Cameroon's place in the quarter-finals after beating Columbia in extra time.

June 24: West Germany beat Holland 2-1 to progress to the quarter-finals. Frank Rijkeard and Rudi Voeller are sent off.

June 25: Ireland qualify for the last eight, following a dramatic 5-4 penalty shoot-out win v Romania in Genoa.

FOCUS ON CRYSTAL PALACE

Nigel Martyn (goalkeeper): Nigel became Britain's first £1-million goalkeeper when signed from Bristol Rovers in November 1989. Rovers had discovered him playing for St Blazey. He made his league debut in August 1987 v Rotherham Utd (3-1), and by the end of the season he was an England U-21 international.

John Humphreys (defender): A close-season signing from Charlton Athletic, John was widely regarded as one of the best right-backs in the First Division last season.

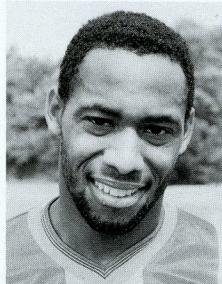
Jeff Hopkins (defender): Made his league debut in the colours of Fulham in 1981, and quickly graduated to the Wales U-21 side collecting five caps. He made his full international debut in 1982/3. Palace signed him for £240,000 in 1988.

Andy Thorn (defender): Andy learned his trade as an apprentice with Wimbledon and graduated to the first team in 1985. He went on to win five England U-21 caps whilst at Wimbledon and was a member of the side that defeated Liverpool in the F.A. Cup Final. He moved on to Newcastle Utd soon after for £900,000 but returned south last December for £650,000.

Eric Young (defender): Another of manager Steve Coppell's close-season signings, Eric was captured from Wimbledon and rejoins his old central defensive partner Andy Thorn.

Eddie McGoldrick (midfield): London-born Eddie was signed from Northampton Town in 1988. After a non-league spell with Kettering, he joined Peterborough but did not play in the League team. After a further spell with Kettering and Nuneaton, he made his league breakthrough in 1986 in Northampton's 2-2 draw with Scunthorpe.

Andy Gray (midfield): Andy started off his career with Palace in 1984 and was their top scorer in 1985/6. He was transferred to Aston Villa for £150,000 in 1988, then moved on to QPR for £450,000 before returning to Selhurst Park last Summer (pictured right).



Geoff Thomas (midfield/defender): Captain, Geoff started his career in the Fourth Division with Rochdale but played only 11 games before moving onto Crewe in 1984. He spent three years in their senior side before signing for Palace in 1987.

Alan Pardew (midfield): Alan made his debut for Palace v Stoke City in 1987 after being spotted playing for non-league Yeovil. Alan scored the winning goal in the epic F.A. Cup Semi-Final v Liverpool last season.

Mark Bright (forward): Prolific scorer Mark, has been top of the Palace scoring list for the past three seasons. He was signed from Leicester in 1986 after scoring 42 goals in three seasons. Mark started his career with Port Vale.

Ian Wright (forward): Ian has amassed over 70 senior goals for Palace since his arrival from local football in 1985. Ian was unfortunate to break his leg twice last season, but made a miraculous recovery to score two goals in the memorable F.A. Cup Final v Man Utd last May.

Glyn Hodges (forward): A tricky and powerful Welsh international winger or midfielder, Glyn was signed from our near neighbours Watford in the close-season formerly with Wimbledon.

Richard Shaw (defender): Richard served his apprenticeship with Palace before making his debut in the 3-2 win v Reading in 1987. Richard was a regular in the Palace line up last season.

FIRST TEAM

UPDATE

1989-90 SEASON

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS 1989/90

	League	Lithuania Cup	F.A. Cup	Z.D. Cup				
	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls
Tim Allpress	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Beaumont	16(3)	-	3	-	-	-	1	-
Kingsley Black	36	11	2(1)	-	1	-	-	-
Tim Brecker	38	1	3	-	1	-	2	-
Alec Chamberlain	38	-	3	-	1	-	2	-
Richard Cooke	3(8)	1	-	-	-	1(1)	-	-
Mal Donaghy	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iain Dowie	26(3)	8	-1(1)	-	(1)	-	2	3
John Dreyer	38	2	3	1	1	-	1	-
Lars Elstrup	13(10)	4	3	5	-	-	-	-
Sean Farrell	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paul Gray	2(5)	1	-	-	-	(2)	1	-
Mick Harford	1(3)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Richard Harvey	17(9)	-	1	-	1	-	2	-
Ceri Hughes	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Julian James	19(1)	1	-	-	1	-	1	-
Marvin Johnson	7(4)	-	-1(1)	-	-	-	1	-
Mick Kennedy	30(2)	-	2	-	1	-	1	-
Darron McDonough	15(2)	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Kurt Nogan	10	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Neil Poutch	-1(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Preece	30(2)	1	3	1	1	-	2	-
Jason Rees	8(6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Graham Rodger	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Aaron Tighe	-	-	-	-	-	1(1)	-	-
Roy Wegerle	13(2)	2	3	4	-	-	2	-
Steve Williams	14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Danny Wilson	35	7	3	-	1	1	2	-

BARCLAYS FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE FINAL TABLE SEASON 1989/90

	W	P	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	P	
38	13	5	1	38	15	Liverpool	10	5	4	40	22	79		
38	13	3	3	36	20	Aston Villa	8	4	7	21	18	70		
38	12	1	6	35	24	Tottenham	7	5	7	24	23	63		
38	14	3	2	38	11	Arsenal	4	5	10	16	27	62		
38	8	7	4	31	24	Chelsea	8	5	6	27	26	60		
38	14	3	2	40	16	Everton	3	5	11	17	30	59		
38	10	5	4	40	27	Southampton	5	5	9	31	35	55		
38	5	8	5	22	23	Wimbledon	8	8	3	25	17	55		
38	9	4	6	31	21	Nottingham Forest	6	5	8	24	26	54		
38	7	10	2	24	14	Norwich	6	4	9	20	28	53		
38	9	4	6	27	22	QPR	4	7	8	18	23	50		
38	11	2	6	24	25	Coventry	3	5	11	15	34	49		
38	8	6	5	28	14	Manchester United	6	3	11	20	33	48		
38	9	4	6	26	21	Manchester City	3	8	8	17	31	48		
38	8	7	4	27	23	Crystal Palace	5	2	12	15	43	48		
38	9	1	9	29	21	Derby	4	6	9	14	19	46		
38	8	8	3	24	18	LUTON TOWN	2	5	12	19	39	43		
38	8	5	6	21	17	Sheffield Wednesday	3	4	12	14	34	43		
38	4	6	9	18	25	Charlton	3	3	13	13	32	30		
38	4	6	9	23	25	Millwall	1	5	13	16	40	26		

OFFICIAL SUPPLIERS TO:



PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY GAMES

Date	1st Team	Reserves	Youth
Fri 3rd August			CHELSEA – Lost 2-3 Gormley, Campbell
Sat 4th August			ENFIELD – Lost 0-1
Wed 8th August	STIRLING ALBION (A)	Won 4-2 Dowie, Elstrup, Preece, Black	BARTON ROVERS Won 2-1 Salton, Gray
Sat 11th August	AIRDRIE (A)	Lost 0-2	ABINGDON TOWN Drew 0-0
Wed 15th Aug	BOURNEMOUTH (A)	Drew 1-1 Dowie	STOTFOLD – Won 3-0 Tighe(2), Salton
Sat 18th Aug	BIRMINGHAM (A)	Won 0-1 Dowie	BRIGHTON Drew 1-1 Gray
			ORIENT – Lost 1-2 Newman

MAN IN CHARGE Allan Gunn (South Chaire, Sussex)

A purchasing manager, Allan is married and has two daughters. He commenced refereeing in 1965 and became a Football League referee in 1976. Allan refereed the 1986 and 1990 F.A. Cup Finals. He enjoys squash and music.



VAUXHALL TEAM CHECK.

LUTON TOWN

Team Manager: Jim Ryan
White Shirts, Navy Shorts

- 1 Alec Chamberlain
- 2 Tim Breacker
- 3 Julian James
- 4 Ceri Hughes
- 5 David Beaumont
- 6 John Dreyer
- 7 Lars Elstrup
- 8 David Preece
- 9 Iain Dowie
- 10 Darron McDonough
- 11 Kingsley Black
- Subs



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CRYSTAL PALACE

Team Manager: Steve Coppell
Red Shirts, Red Shorts

- 1 Nigel Martyn
- 2 John Pemberton
- 3 Richard Shaw
- 4 Andy Gray
- 5 Andy Thorn
- 6 Eric Young
- 7 Eddie McGoldrick
- 8 Geoff Thomas
- 9 Mark Bright
- 10 Ian Wright
- 11 Glyn Hodges
- Subs

Referee: A. Gunn (Sussex) Linesmen: M.K. Bullivant (yellow trim), L.L. Watson (red trim).

STAR PERFORMER



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