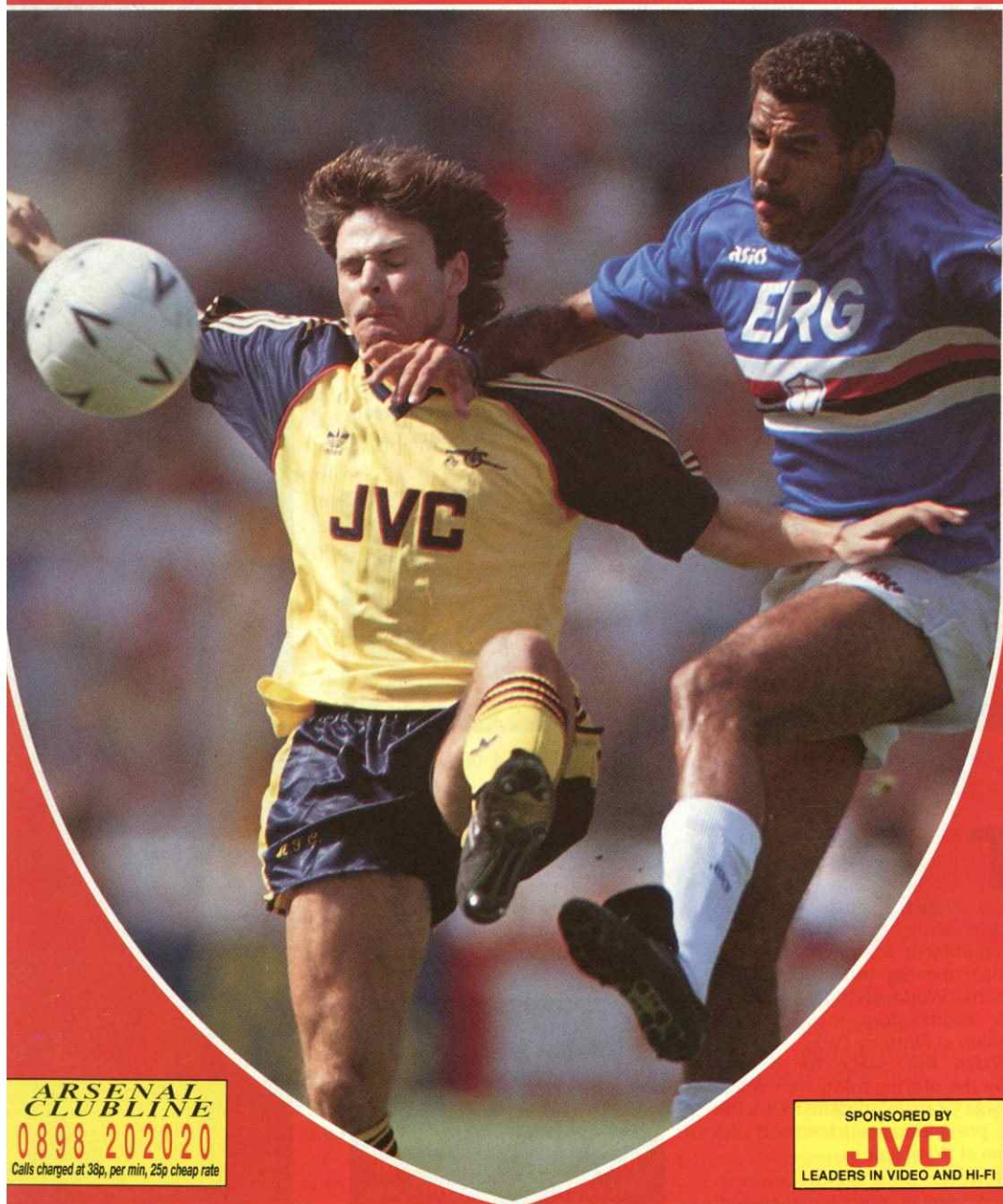


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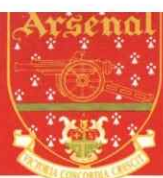


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# GEORGE GRAHAM



**W**hat a terrific way to start the season, at Wimbledon last Saturday.

It's never easy to win at Plough Lane, so that 3-0 victory has given us just the boost we needed.

We laid the foundations in the first half, when we kept things tight at the back. David Seaman looked absolutely in charge on the crosses.

After the interval, we took full control. Paul Davis's use of the ball was first class. We made great use of our spare full back, with Lee Dixon and Nigel Winterburn bombing into attack, and scored some fine goals.

Perry Groves's last minute goal was a gem, and I was equally pleased to see Anders Limpar looking so lively. But our whole side, they all played well.

I keep reading about my 'summer spending spree.' Well, it was hardly a spree, because I recouped most of the money in sales.

On today's market, David Seaman, Andy Linighan and Anders Limpar represent excellent value.

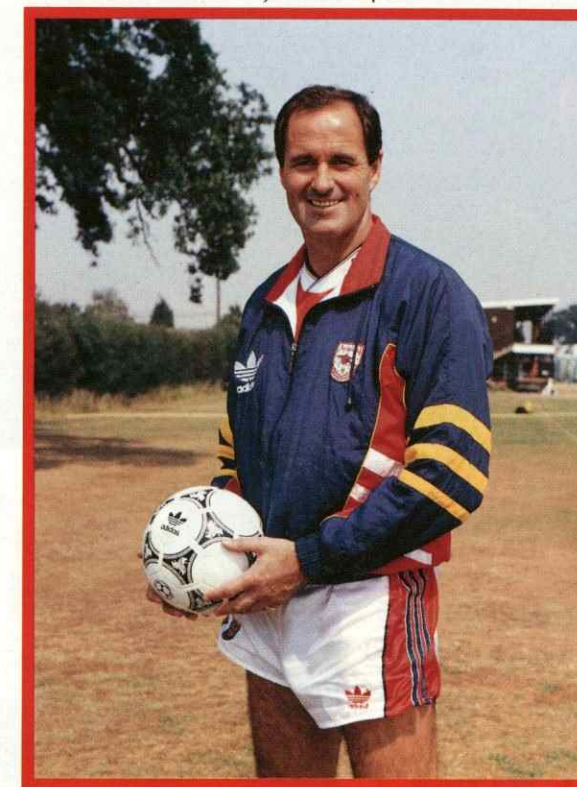
David is only 26 and he could become England's goalkeeper for years ahead. He looks very commanding. He has a quiet but very forceful presence about him.

Anders is very nippy and skilful, and I'm sure he'll become a big favourite with our crowd. Andy is still settling in to our defensive organisation. But it would be asking too much to sign three new players and expect them all to slot in straightaway.

I'm still looking for players. This squad is strong in many areas, but I'd like another midfield player to replace Kevin Richardson. We're also a bit short of experience up front. However the men I want are not available, and I'm not going to pay big money for players unless they're better than those we have already. Arsenal have been connected with several players recently. Take those stories with a pinch of salt. It's common now for agents to link players with big clubs to get them more publicity and push their value up!

When we won the championship we supplied our strikers with a stream of crosses. We need to do that again. That's why I signed Anders. Given the right supply, I'm confident Alan Smith and Paul Merson can repeat their title year scoring feats, while Kevin Campbell and Perry Groves give me plenty of options.

Our off-field staff is just as important as



the players on it and there's a good happy feeling about our backroom team. Stewart Houston has stepped up to become first team coach after his success with the reserves last season, and I'm delighted to welcome my old double team colleague George Armstrong back as reserve team coach. Geordie was a workaholic as a player. He's still a workaholic as a coach and his enthusiasm rubs off on everyone.

**W**elcome to Highbury for the start of a new season. As you can see, we've made several improvements to the ground during the summer, at a total cost of £2million-plus. We have new entrances for our lower tier West stand supporters, and improved toilet facilities plus new entrances for the visiting fans.

We have completely re-developed the east stand, and also installed some of the most up-to-date first aid facilities anywhere in Britain.

These are just some of the changes we are making, to comply with the recommendations of the Taylor Report. Watch out for more details about ground development work in future programmes.

To comply with the Report, we have to make Highbury an all seat stadium by August 1994. This means we have to reduce our terrace capacity by 20% each season up till then.

Our match against Tottenham on Saturday is all ticket (see pages 26\7 for details). We have made the game all ticket, both to comply with the Report's recommendations for big matches, and to avoid thousands of fans being locked out, as happened when Spurs came here in January.



Welcome to new boys David Seaman, Andy Linighan and Anders Limpar.

**T**his month, we have introduced a new phone-in service, Arsenal Clubline (0898 202020), which we believe will provide much improved entertainment for our supporters.

Also opening soon will be the 'Arsenal World of Sport' our huge new sports store in a prestige position at Finsbury Park.

Watch this space for details! On the playing front, we'll leave George Graham opposite to discuss the pre-season matches and the game at Wimbledon.

However, we'd like to welcome David Seaman, Andy Linighan and Anders Limpar, and wish them long, successful careers at Highbury.

Welcome back to a distinguished Gunner, George Armstrong, who has become our new reserve team coach. And congratulations to Stewart Houston, who 's moved up to become first team coach.

**I**t's been an exciting summer here, marred only by one dark cloud – the death earlier this month, of our great wing half and skipper, Joe Mercer. We send our condolences to his family and all his friends.







## ANDERS WANTS TO SETTLE DOWN AT HIGHBURY

**A**nders Limpar has been a wanderer around Europe just lately. Now the 24 year-old Swedish international wants to settle down at Highbury.

Anders made a flying start, with a brilliantly-executed goal against Aston Villa at Wembley, plus assists for both our scores in the Steve Gattling testimonial at Brighton.

Anders always said his true test would come in our opening league game at Wimbledon. He soon got a taste of what life in the first division could mean. The first time he touched the ball, he was kicked in the air! But Limpar reckoned, if he could get in crosses and shots against the Dons physical pressure, he could cause problems for most teams. He passed the test with flying colours, tormenting right back Roger Joseph and supplying the cross for Paul Merson to head us in front. Not that Anders didn't know what to expect . . .

"In Sweden, we know a lot about English football, because league games are shown every Saturday in winter," says Anders, who was an Arsenal fan like so many Scandinavians!

"It was important for me to make a good start, to get everyone behind me."

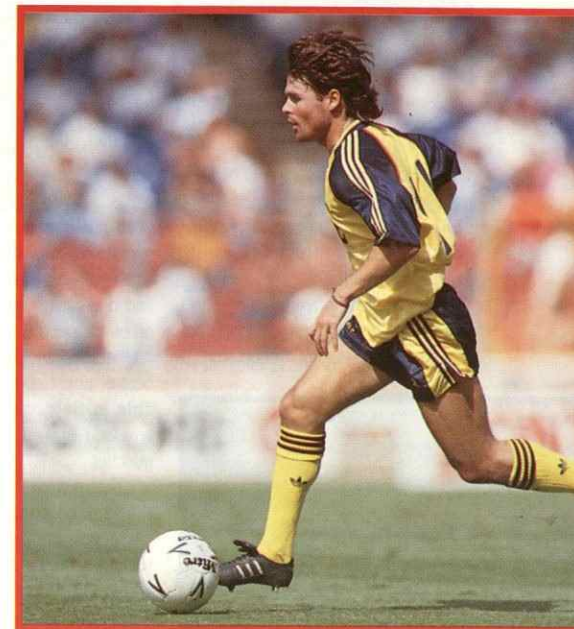
"I was delighted with the goal against Villa. I remember scoring one like that in Italy, but to score that way on my debut in England was terrific."

Sampdoria marked Limpar tight the following day. Their defenders took a few swipes at his ankles too. But less than a week later, Anders was supplying the crosses for David Rocastle and Alan Smith in our 2-2 draw at Brighton. Wimbledon will testify to his effectiveness as well.

"Now I'm looking forward to some exciting years with Arsenal," says Limpar, who began his career with Orgryte in his native Sweden, before moving on to Young Boys Berne, then Cremonese in Italy.

"When I was playing in Switzerland, I wanted to go to Italy. But I don't want to keep changing clubs every season."

Limpar reckoned he produced his best form during that year in Italy, even though Cremonese were relegated. "Individually,



that was my most successful season," he says: "The club were unlucky. They made a good start, then had three important players out injured together for a long while."

Anders has played most of his club career in the centre of midfield. But he's won nearly all his 16 Sweden caps on the flanks. As George Graham predicted, he's made a smooth transition to that role for the Gunners.

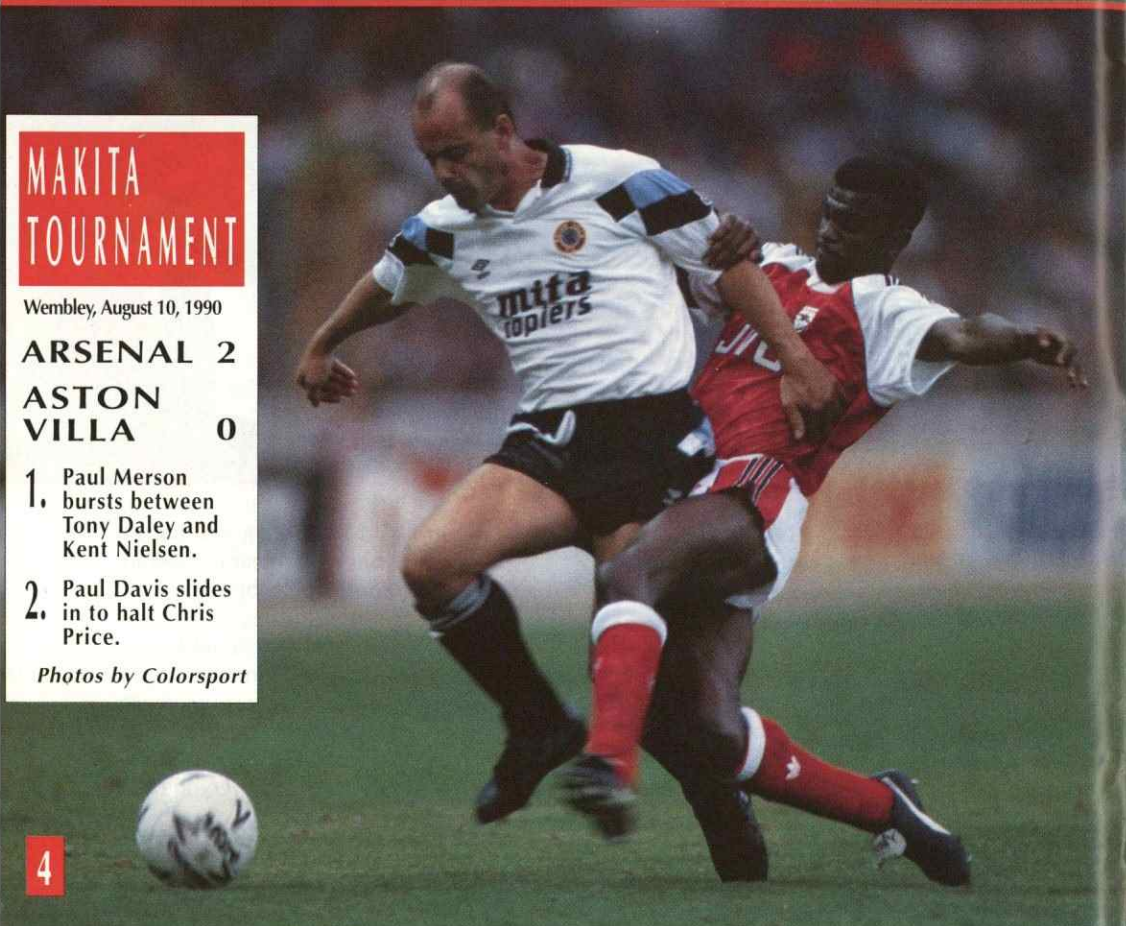
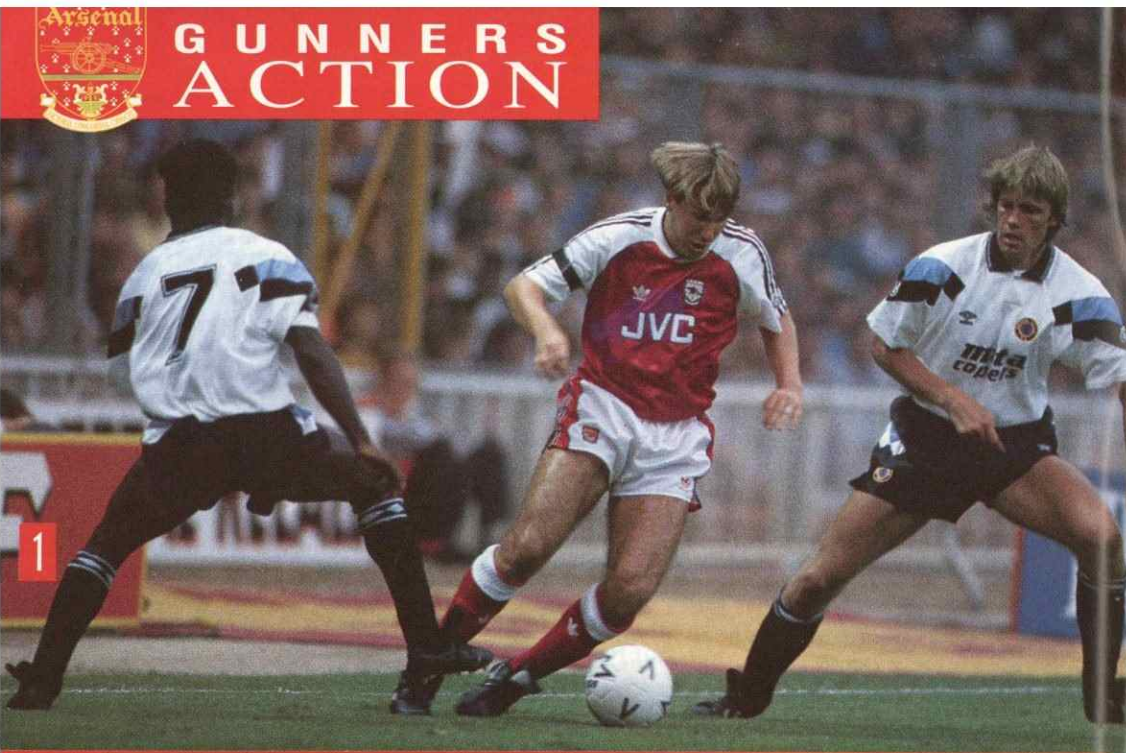
"I've had to adjust my play, because the English style is very different from the Italian approach," he says: "The Italians concentrate a lot on the technical side of the game. Because it's hotter out there, they don't do so much running either."

"The English base a lot more on physical qualities, and it's probably easier to run and work hard in the English winter."

"What distinguishes the British players is their spirit. They are so determined. They play at top speed for 90 minutes."

"But then, I knew what to expect and the Swedish national side tries to play that way too."

By Kevin Connolly



## MAKITA TOURNAMENT

Wembley, August 10, 1990

**ARSENAL 2  
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1. Paul Merson bursts between Tony Daley and Kent Nielsen.
2. Paul Davis slides in to halt Chris Price.

Photos by Colorsport







# RESERVES & YOUTHS



## GEORDIE MAKES A DREAM RETURN

Twenty years ago, Geordie Armstrong used to fly down the flanks for the Gunners double team. Now he's back at Highbury to lend his own special enthusiasm to our reserves.

George had been coaching in Kuwait, after successful spells at Fulham and Middlesbrough. He spent two periods in charge of the national team, and he remains concerned for his many friends caught up in the fluctuations of middle east politics.

"This is a great move for me," says Armstrong, one of the most popular players ever to wear a Gunners shirt.

Armstrong made 500 league appearances and 621 in total, records broken only by David O'Leary last season.

"I'm very impressed with the set-up," says George: "A lot has changed since I was here - the boxes at the Clock End for a start!"

"There's tremendous potential here and I want to push the promising youngsters on towards the first team as fast as I can, I've always had a good relationship with players and I want to continue that."

"I've always tried to keep myself fit and dedicated, and I hope that rubs off on the people around me."

Like title-winning Stewart Houston before him, George has hardly been able to field the same team two weeks running in our warm-up matches.

"That will be the biggest problem, the lack of continuity," he says: "Assessing the pre-season games, I reckon we'll be strong at the back and could do well up front, but we need to strike the right balance in midfield."

However, with Kevin Campbell, Alan Miller, Pat Scully, Stephen Morrow and Kwame Ampadu bubbling under, plus ex-youth teamers Charlie Hartfield, Neil Heaney and Andrew Cole bidding to establish themselves, George has plenty of potential to tap, besides the valuable experience of first team squad men keeping match fit.

"It's a new challenge, a different challenge, because I've usually been handling with first team players. But I'm looking forward to it. If I can help the club achieve our 1989 championship standards, I'll be very pleased," he says.

Details of the reserves and youths pre-season friendlies will appear in Saturday's programme



GEORGE ARMSTRONG

## OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION FIXTURES 1990/91

Date	Opposition	F	A
Aug 25	Brighton	1	1
Sept 1	Portsmouth		
Sept 8	Crystal Palace		
Sept 19	Swindon Town		
Sept 22	Ipswich Town		
Sept 29	Norwich City		
Oct 10	Oxford Utd		
Oct 13	Portsmouth		
Oct 20	QPR		
Oct 30	Chelsea		
Nov 3	Reading		
Nov 10	Swindon Town		
Nov 15	West Ham Utd		
Nov 20	Charlton Athletic		
Nov 24	Southampton		
Dec 5	Brighton		
Dec 8	Tottenham		
Dec 19	Fulham		
Dec 22	Watford		
Dec 29	Tottenham		
Jan 8	Southampton		
Jan 12	West Ham Utd		
Jan 25	Norwich City		
Feb 2	Fulham		
Feb 9	Luton Town		
Feb 16	Reading		
Feb 19	Millwall		
Feb 26	QPR		
Mar 5	Chelsea		
Mar 13	Crystal Palace		
Mar 16	Ipswich Town		
Mar 23	Charlton Athletic		
Apr 6	Wimbledon		
Apr 16	Watford		
Apr 23	Luton Town		
Apr 27	Wimbledon		
Apr 29	Millwall		
May 4	Oxford Utd		

## OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION FINAL TABLE 1989/90

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	38	26	6	6	84	51	84
Tottenham	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 Utd	38	18	7	13	83	59	61
Oxford Utd	38	16	9	13	73	58	57
Brighton	38	15	6	17	52	66	51
Portsmouth	38	12	13	13	47	67	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	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

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FIXTURES 1990/91

Date	Opposition	F	A
Aug 25	West Ham Utd	2	2
Sept 1	Portsmouth		
Sept 8	QPR		
Sept 22	Southend Utd		
Sept 29	Watford		
Oct 6	Leyton Orient		
Oct 13	Tottenham		
Oct 27	Cambridge Utd		
Nov 3	Chelsea		
Nov 10	Charlton Athletic		
Nov 17	Fulham		
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Feb 2	Watford		
Feb 9	Leyton Orient		
Feb 16	Tottenham		
Feb 23	Cambridge Utd		
Mar 2	Chelsea		
Mar 9	Charlton Athletic		
Mar 16	Fulham		
Mar 23	Gillingham		
Mar 30	Ipswich Town		
Apr 6	Norwich City		
Apr 13	Millwall		

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FINAL TABLE 1989/90

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham	30	19	7	4	76	29	45
Chelsea	30	17	8	5	59	22	42
Arsenal	30	17	6	7	66	35	40
Watford	30	15	5	10	53	44	35
West Ham Utd	30	15	4	11	62	52	34
Charlton Athletic	30	15	4	11	48	42	34
QPR	30	12	7	11	44	45	31
Ipswich Town	30	13	4	13	54	57	30
Gillingham	30	11	6	13	62	63	28
Millwall	30	0	10	11	42	45	28
Norwich City	30	10	8	12	33	42	28
Leyton Orient	30	10	6	14	47	57	28
Portsmouth	30	10	6	14	41	55	26
Cambridge Utd	30	7	9	14	43	66	23
Southend Utd	30	7	6	17	44	66	20
Fulham	30	2	6	22	20	74	10



Paul Reid and Paul Shaw... new boys on target in the pre-season matches.



## PAT STICKS WITH YOUTH TEAM HOPEFULS

Pat Rice could have applied to take over the Gunners reserves this summer. Instead, he's stayed with the youth squad he reckons could turn out one of the club's brightest-ever.

Says Pat: "I gain terrific satisfaction from seeing young players develop. And I want to stay with our present group, because they could provide another crop of stars like the Thomas-Rocastle-Adams-Hayes-Quinn-Keown-Caesar group from the 1984 youth side."

Rice can already count several successes in his six years as youth coach. David Rocastle and Michael Thomas were in his ranks for a season, and he was the coach who honed Paul Merson's talent.

Pat also guided the young Gunners to victory in the 1988 F.A. Youth Cup final. He's already seen Kevin Campbell reach the first team from that side.

Yet Rice believes his present line-up - boosted by five summer trainees - could be his best-ever.

The new boys - Paul Reid, Ian Selley, Paul Shaw, Justin Lee and John Charlton - have fitted in superbly in the pre-season games, "But then, I always felt they would, because we knew we were getting quality when we signed them," he says.

Meanwhile, Kenny Webster, Kevin

Fowler and Mark Flatts won England youth honours last season. Jim Will, Scott Marshall and Paul Dickov did the same for Scotland.

John Bacon is an Ireland youth star, while Steve Clements and Matthew Joseph briefly broke into our title-winning reserves.

"I still think we were the best team in the South East

Counties League last season, and if we take a higher percentage of our chances, we can win it this time," says Rice: "The potential is there, no doubts. But this job is about more than winning the league or the Youth Cup. It's about pushing players forward. It's a big year for so many of our youngsters. Not just in terms of what we can win, but more important, in terms of their own progress."

•The young Gunners have been drawn away to Aston Villa in the first round of the Southern Junior Floodlight Cup, on October 2. We were losing finalists last season.

By KEVIN CONNOLLY



PAT RICE





# HIGHBURY FOCUS

## DAVID AIMS TO CONVINCE FROM THE START

**E**ngland hopeful David Seaman aims to get his Highbury career off to a convincing start. The taciturn former QPR keeper is the last man to make rash predictions. But he's looking forward to the task with quiet optimism.

The 26 year-old goalkeeper joined the Gunners for a British record £1.3million in May, after a delayed deal on transfer deadline day in March.

David, who replaces John Lukic, knows his opening appearances could present a tricky test.

Ironically, David was John's understudy at Leeds, and he nearly joined Arsenal from Birmingham five years ago, with Lukic going to the Blues in exchange.

"We're both professionals and we know how the game goes," says David: "John has a job to do for Leeds now and I have mine for Arsenal."

"I realise how much the supporters admired John. I hope they'll like me just as much. If I can do well from the beginning, I'm sure they'll get behind me."

Seaman has made a successful start. He was in commanding form at Wimbledon last Saturday, catching every cross the Don's fired in – no mean feat against Wimbledon's physical pressure!

George Graham had already praised him for vital saves against Wolves and Aston Villa, and tipped him to become England's successor to Peter Shilton.

"I've been pleased so far. But the serious business has only just started," says Seaman: "At the end of the season, I might look back and pick out a few saves – but certainly not after one league match and some pre-season friendlies!"

Seaman radiates calm confidence in the penalty area and that matter-of-fact attitude was obvious in the composure he showed after his move to Arsenal was delayed.

"I wasn't tense when the move did n't go through on deadline day, because I knew the transfer would happen sooner or later," says David.

A thumb injury he suffered in training forced Seaman out of the World Cup. But he looks forward to adding to his three international caps.

"Joining a famous club increases my chances of winning medals, while the spotlight on Arsenal players should boost my international chances if I'm playing well," he says.

By KEVIN CONNOLLY

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# YOUNG GUNNERS

## CONFIDENT COLE LOOKS FORWARD TO THE CHALLENGE

**F**ormer youth team topscorer Andrew Cole faces a vital year ahead. This is Cole's first full year out of South East Counties football - the time when he bids to establish himself in the reserves and press towards the first team.

But if confidence is any criterion, then the promising youngster from Nottingham should make quick progress.

Andrew, who'll be 19 in October, has finished leading scorer in each of his two seasons with Pat Rice's team. He scored our goal at Tottenham in last season's Southern Junior Floodlight Cup final.

He also gained a Combination championship, after coming into the side in March, and formed a productive partnership with prolific Kevin Campbell.

The F.A. 'School of Excellence' graduate has been an England youth regular too, and helped his country reach the European championship semi-finals in Hungary two months ago. So he has plenty of grounds for optimism.

Cole is well known for his individual style. Last season's Combination title-winning coach Stewart Houston reckons Andrew has to learn to fully adjust to a team pattern, if he's to fulfil his immense potential.

Cole is aware of the comments. "There are several aspects of my play I want to improve," he says: But if I carry on scoring, I hope that will make my case for me."

Andrew has impressed George Armstrong in the pre-season matches, and Cole hopes a run of good performances will help him follow in Campbell's footsteps.

"I've played a lot alongside Kevin. He's done well on loan a couple of times. That could be a route for me too," says Andrew.

"Ideally, I'd love to play for Arsenal's first team this season. But with Alan Smith, Paul Merson, Perry Groves and Kevin around, that may be easier said than done," adds the ambitious young centre forward.

Still, Cole has averaged almost a goal-a-game for the past two seasons and he's eager to press on. "It's a vital year for me, because I hope to force myself into the first team running," he says: "First I have to play well for the reserves."

He also knows he faces tighter marking from more experienced players.

"But moving up to a higher grade of football is a challenge I welcome, because I'm confident I can handle it," he declares.

By KEVIN CONNOLLY

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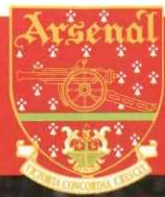
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2. Paul Merson takes on the Sampdoria defence.

3. Tony Adams clears for Gian Luca Vialli.

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## SCOTIABANK PRESENTATION EVENING

We have already enrolled more than 4,000 members in the JG's since the end of June. Usually, we would be making a presentation on the pitch at this time to the 1,000th, 2,000th etc members.

Well, this year will be different – towards the end of the season we will be holding the Scotiabank Presentation Evening when these members will be invited along to a special party here at Arsenal Stadium!

This will also apply to the monthly and yearly winners of the Scotiabank Junior Gunner of the Month, award the winners of the Ken Banham Trophy and the JG who will present the Scotiabank/JG Player of the Season trophy.

By the way, we're looking for more nominations for JG of the Month, so if you think you know someone who deserves an award, drop us a line at this address: Junior Gunners Office, Arsenal Stadium, Highbury, London N5 1BU.

• Junior Gunners would like to thank Scotiabank for making the Presentation Evening possible.

## THANKS TO ADIDAS

Junior Gunners would like to thank Adidas for kindly donating a set of Arsenal kit to our mascot Scott Tomlin.

## JUNIOR GUNNERS AWAY TRIPS

We have been invited to take a party of Junior Gunners to our away matches at Nottingham Forest on Saturday, September 22, and Leeds on Saturday, September 29. The coach fares will be approximately £7.50 for Forest and £9.50 for Leeds (we are awaiting exact prices at time of writing). We believe that lunch will be included for both games, as well as the match ticket.

The coach fares are more than last year because we think that on the longer trips it is better if the coach has a toilet and video, and obviously this makes it more expensive.

If you would like to book for either of these trips, please telephone 071-359 0205 after 9.30am tomorrow morning and ask for Debbie or Sue. We're sorry but no bookings can be taken after tonight's game, or via the main switchboard.



James Loud presents the 1989-90 Junior Gunners 'Players of the Season' award to Tony Adams before the game against Southampton. On the left is Barry Luter, from award sponsors Scotiabank.

## GROUND COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS

We hope you all know by now that ground complimentary match tickets can no longer be used, so if you have one of these from your last birthday please don't try to gain admission with it. The gatemen cannot accept them and it will only cause delay for you and other people in the queue.

Those of you who have received birthday cards from us since May will know that we now send you a voucher to spend in the Gunners Shop.



OUR MASCOT: SCOTT TOMLIN

Welcome to our mascot this evening, SCOTT TOMLIN from New Southgate. Scott will be 14 next Monday and he says that being chosen as Arsenal mascot is one of the best presents he could wish for! He has supported the Gunners since he could kick a ball, like his father and grandparents before him. He finds it hard to understand why his brother follows West Ham and his sister is a Spurs fan! Scott named Alan Smith as his favourite Gunner, saying he can always be relied on to score quality goals, and he would also like to welcome all our new signings to Highbury.

Scott plays in goal for his school team, Broomfield, and also enjoys swimming. He has entered many competitions to raise money for charity. Scott's other hobbies are skateboarding, playing computer games, watching Super Truck racing at Brands Hatch, and attending Sea Cadets twice a week. His favourite television programmes are "The Match" and anything connected with sport.

## STADIUM TOURS

We're sorry that we were unable to organise tours of the Stadium during the close season as building works made it impossible to show people around. However we hope these will start again in the next school holidays. So if you have asked for a tour you shouldn't have much longer to wait.

## FACE IN THE CROWD WINNERS

Congratulations to DARREN BANCE from Woolwich, whose photo appeared in our programme for the match against Millwall in April. Darren wins two tickets for one of our home games this season.

## JUST FOR FUN

We bet most of you watched the World Cup this summer, but how good is your memory? Can you recall who won the opening match of Italia 90, and what the score was? Answer next time.

## TONIGHT'S BALLBOYS

SCOTT CORDING, DAVID CORDING, STUART CARTER, PIERS WATERS, JASON POWERS, ADRIAN RUSSO, DOMINIC POTH and PAUL DEAN.

• Junior Gunners would like to thank Adidas and Vandanel Sport and Leisure Ltd for kindly providing the tracksuits and wetsuits for our ballboys.

## JG MESSAGE LINE

LEE HILLIER – Congratulations on passing your exams. Best wishes from Mum, Dad and everyone at Arsenal.

GARETH RAWLINGS – Happy 8th Birthday with love from Sara.

JANE, JEAN, JULIE, BILL, LITTLE PAUL and VICKY – Thank you for your help. Love Debbie and Sue. SARAH RYAN, ALAN SEFTON and PAUL JOHNSON – Thank you for all the hard work you put in to the Fun Day. From Sue and Debbie.

## ALL TICKET v SPURS

Saturday's game against Spurs is all ticket. Please see page 26 for details.

## MYSTERY WINNER

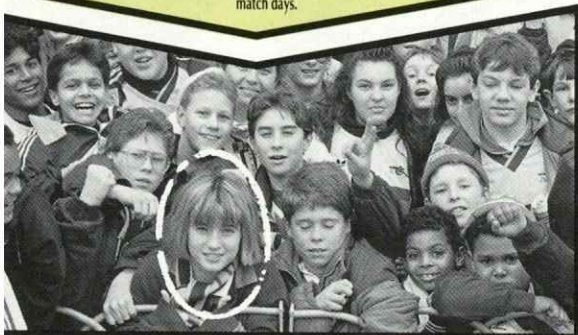
Tonight's mystery Junior Gunner is called JONATHAN and he lives at 27 Creighton Avenue. If this is you then you have won a £5 voucher to spend in the Gunners Shop. To claim your prize please contact Debbie or Sue in the Junior Gunners office (phone 071-359 0205) and tell us your surname and the rest of your address.

## WELCOME JUNIOR HATTERS

Welcome to all the Junior Hatters who are here today. We are pleased to see you and hope that you enjoy your visit to Highbury.

## FACE IN THE CROWD

Are you the face ringed in the photograph below? If you are, you've won two tickets for an Arsenal home game this season. All you have to do is bring along your programme and membership card to Debbie at the Junior Gunners office and claim your tickets. You can do this between 9.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday or between 12 midday and 2pm on Saturday first team home match days.



## HERE'S THE LATEST FROM....PANINI

Here we are looking forward to another new season, and to lots of exciting things from Panini!

Once again, your favourite sticker company will be sponsoring the Junior Gunners and the Arsenal Family Enclosure, and, as usual, the Panini SwapShop will operate behind the Family Enclosure to enable you to swap the duplicate stickers from your collections! Panini also have lots of exciting new albums planned for 1990-1. So keep watching this space...







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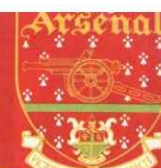
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# HIGHBURY MAILBAG



## NATIONAL FOOTBALL INTELLIGENCE UNIT

In the build-up to the World Cup 1990, the National Football Intelligence Unit issued a Hooligan Hotline, 071 230 5340. This was publicised on television and in the national press, inviting members of the public to ring in with information on known or potential troublemakers, believed to be travelling to Italy. This operation was a great success. As a result of this success, I feel it would be advantageous if this number could be available to decent football supporters on a regular basis in an effort to combat the hooligans. National Football Intelligence Unit Hooligan Hotline...please ring 071 230 5340, in strict confidence.

A.Appleby (Superintendent)  
National Football Intelligence Unit  
London SE1

## ALL SEATER STADIUM

I'm writing to you about the all seating proposal. Sitting does not change the behaviour of the football hooligans or their attitude to the game. If there is trouble, it will only provide the hooligan with a weapon. So I think the all-seat proposal won't work. Adam Evenden  
Maidstone

*The situation is that we have to comply with the recommendations of the Taylor Report, which means we must turn Highbury into an all-seat stadium by August 1994.*

## ANYONE SEEN ARSENAL IN DIVISION TWO?

Whenever I get in friendly argument with supporters of other clubs, I always assert that Arsenal are the greatest English club, because - even if we're not champions - we always see the best teams at Highbury, because we're always in the first division!

Clubs like Tottenham and Manchester United were in the second division in the 70s. Even Liverpool were there in the early 60s. I usually finish the argument by stating: "You'll never meet a fan at Highbury who has seen Arsenal play in Division Two."

But I wonder if this is true?

Is there an Arsenal supporter still visiting Highbury who has seen Arsenal play in the second division? He (or she) would have to have been watching in 1915 or earlier. Although it would spoil my argument, it would be wonderful to hear of such a dedicated supporter.

Richard Pederzoli  
New Malden

## JOE MERCER

How sad it was to hear of the death of Joe Mercer earlier this month.

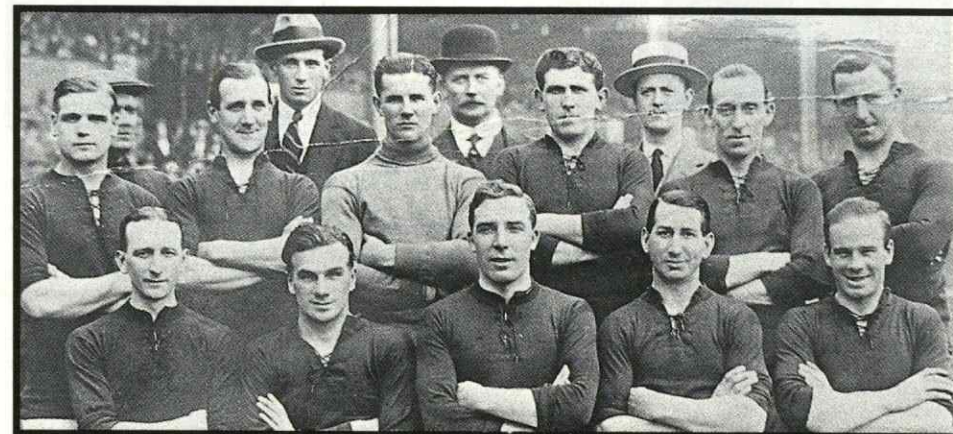
He was not only one of the finest players and best captains ever to wear an Arsenal shirt, he was also a great ambassador for the game. Supporters who grew up on Tom Whittaker's post-war Gunners will always remember him as one of the gentlemen of football. J.Mason  
Highbury

## RADIO TWO BECOMES RADIO FIVE

As from Monday(August 27), BBC's Radio Sport moves from Radio Two to Britain's first new national network for 23 years - Radio Five. But you can still hear our comprehensive sports service on our old spot on the dial - 693 and 909MW.

Larry Hodgson  
BBC Broadcasting House

*Memories! The team that represented Arsenal in our second season back in Division One after we escaped from the second division in 1919. Can any of our older fans identify the line-up?*





LUTON, who opened the new season with a 1-1 draw against Crystal Palace last Saturday have become famous for their Houdini-style escape acts. But manager Jim Ryan has no desire to endure again the traumas of the closing weeks of last season.

With three games to go, the Hatters were three points behind Sheffield Wednesday, who had a better goal-difference. Though they had managed only two victories in their previous 11 matches, Luton produced super-human efforts to win each of those remaining three games.

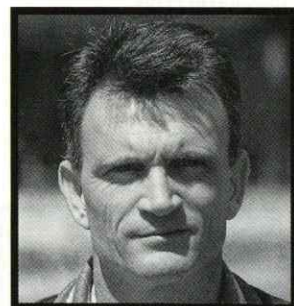
Even that would not have been enough to save them had Wednesday gained a point from their final game. But, while Luton were winning 3-2 at Derby, Wednesday crashed 0-3 at home to Nottingham Forest.

That gave Luton a superior goal-difference of two goals over Wednesday - enough to preserve their First Division status for another season.

Mr Ryan, who took over as manager last January, was full of praise for his players attitude and he decided to show his confidence by refraining from making any major close-season signings.

One player to leave Kenilworth Road during the summer was reserve goalkeeper Les Sealey who won international fame for his performance on loan to Manchester United in last season's F.A. Cup final replay. That display was rewarded by a permanent transfer to Old Trafford. Luton also sold midfielder Danny Wilson to Sheffield Wednesday for £200,000 and Mick Kennedy to Stoke for £250,000.

During the early weeks, at least Mr Ryan is likely to keep faith with the side that finished so well last season. In that case we should see an attack comprising of Iain Dowie and one of Jason Rees or Lasse Elstrup.



Jim Ryan

Kingsley Black will be operating on the left flank.

Dowie and Black were joint-top scorers with 11 goals each last season.

Dowie was happy playing in non-League soccer with

St. Albans, Hertford, Cheshunt and Hendon until Luton invited him to join them for £30,000 in December 1988. He had scored 80 goals in two-and-a-half seasons with Hendon. Iain made such rapid progress that he won two Northern Ireland international caps last term.

Black made a remarkable impact after being introduced to the Luton side three seasons ago. He starred in their Littlewoods Cup win over the Gunners at Wembley and, within weeks, was in the Northern Ireland side. He has nine full caps.



Darren McDonough

capped by Denmark on 12 occasions.

With the departure of Kennedy and Wilson there will, of course, be changes in midfield. For the moment, Mr Ryan could continue with the experiment of playing defender Darren McDonough in this role. Other contenders are David Preece, Richard Cooke, 19 year-old Ceri Hughes who played against Palace and former Gunner Steve Williams.

McDonough completed his apprenticeship with Oldham. He played more than 200 first-team games for the Latics prior to his £85,000 transfer to Luton in 1986. He was a member of the Hatters' side that played in the 1989 Littlewoods Cup final.

Preece made his League debut for Walsall in 1981, winning a regular place two years later. Luton paid £150,000 when they signed him in 1984 and he later played in two Littlewoods Cup finals for the Hatters. David has been capped three times by England "B".

Though he appeared only occasionally in Tottenham's first-team, Cooke played for England at youth and under-21 levels. He really made his name after moving to Bournemouth in 1986 and, after starring in an exciting F.A. Cup run, Luton snapped him up for £140,000 in 1989.

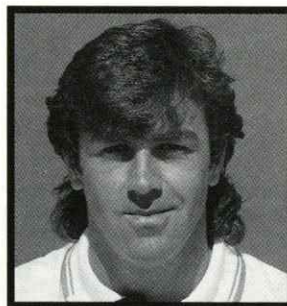
Williams made his name with Southampton and played for England on six occasions during his eight seasons with the club. Arsenal signed him for £500,000 in 1984 and he moved on to Luton for £200,000 in 1988.

John Dreyer, though usually a full-back, switched to the centre of defence last season, partnering Dave Beaumont.

Dreyer was an apprentice with Oxford but played League soccer for both Torquay and Fulham, while on loan, during the 1985/86 season before getting his

Rees is an ex-trainee who made his First Division debut on New Year's Day this year as a substitute against Everton.

Elstrup was signed from Odense for £650,000 in August 1989. He ended last season with nine goals. Lars has been



John Dreyer

## LAST TIME WE MET

Saturday April 21, 1990

Division One

**LUTON (1) 2  
ARSENAL (0) 0**

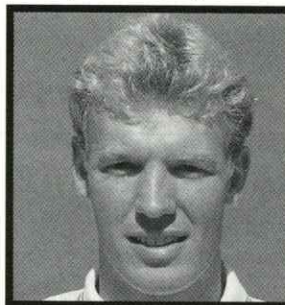
**LUTON:** Chamberlain, Breacker, McDonough, Beaumont, James (Johnson), Dreyer, Wilson, Rees, Dowie, Preece, Black (Elstrup).

**ARSENAL:** Lukic, Dixon, Winterburn, Thomas, Bould, Adams, Davis, O'Leary (Hayes), Smith, Merson (Rocastle), Campbell.

Attendance: 11,150

chance in the Oxford side the following season. Luton signed him for £140,000 in 1988.

Beaumont was signed from Dundee United for £150,000 in January 1989. He joined the



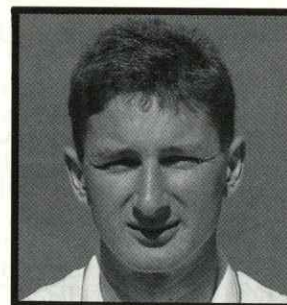
Tim Breacker

Dundee club from school and worked his way into their first-team in 1984.

Tim Breacker and Julian James could fill the full-back positions.

Breacker, now Luton's longest-serving player, is a former Luton apprentice who got his League chance in 1984. Within a couple of years, he was in the England under-21 side, winning two caps. Tim won a Littlewoods Cup winners' tankard in 1988 and a runners-up award a year later.

James joined the club as a trainee and was introduced to First Division football three seasons ago. After returning to the side in



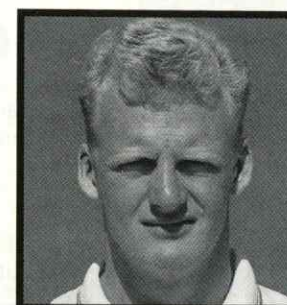
David Beaumont

midfield last season, he switched to defence when the club was hit by injuries.

Richard Harvey and Marvin Johnson will also be challenging for a place in defence.

Harvey is a former England youth international. He made his League debut in 1986.

Centre back Johnson is a former Luton apprentice who broke into the first team for a few games in 1987/88.



Iain Dowie

Goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain was signed from Everton for £150,000 in July 1988 and took over in the Luton goal towards the end of the following season. He was a reserve player at Ipswich but soon stepped into League soccer with Colchester after a transfer in 1982. Everton signed him for £75,000 in 1987 as cover.

By Tony Pulein

## TEN YEAR REVIEW

Luton escaped relegation last season only on goal-difference after winning their last three games. Indeed, for much of the time since they regained their First Division place in 1982, they have struggled to survive, though they have met with considerable success in Cup football.

Three seasons ago they won their first major honour when they defeated the Gunners in the Littlewoods Cup final at Wembley.

That was one of three Wembley finals contested by the Hatters over two seasons. They reached the Littlewoods Cup final again the following season, only to be beaten by Nottingham Forest. And they were beaten by Reading in the Simod Cup final of 1988.

### DIVISION TWO

Season	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Posn	FAC	LC
1980/81	42	18	12	12	61	46	58	5th	4	3
1981/82	42	25	13	4	86	46	88	1st	4	2

### DIVISION ONE

1982/83	42	12	13	17	65	84	49	18th	4	4
1983/84	42	14	9	19	53	66	51	16th	3	2
1984/85	42	15	9	18	57	61	54	13th	SF	4
1985/86	42	18	12	12	61	44	66	9th	6	3
1986/87	42	18	12	12	47	45	66	7th	4	-
1987/88	40	14	11	15	57	58	53	9th	SF	W
1988/89	38	10	11	17	42	52	41	16th	3	F
1989/90	38	10	13	15	43	57	43	17th	3	3

FAC = FAC CUP. LC = LEAGUE CUP





# MATCH FOCUS

## MEMORIES OF AN OLD PARTNERSHIP

Luton Town's visit tonight brings back some happy memories for Paul Davis – memories of a midfield partnership he forged with Steve Williams in 1986/7.

The high point of the Davis-Williams pairing came in the 1987 Littlewoods Cup

Davis, so dominate at Wimbledon last Saturday has resumed his link-up with Michael Thomas, which proved so fruitful at the start of our championship campaign. That pairing could prove even more successful long term than his combination with Steve.

Williams, a £500,000 signing from Southampton played his best football for the Gunners during that 86\7 season and Paul recalls: "I knew how Steve thought, and that made it easier to work with him."

"We complemented each other. He liked to collect the ball from the back four, hold it and probe for an opening. That gave me the chance to get forward more often."

"It would be interesting to face Steve again tonight," says Paul: "There's always that little bit of extra competition when a player faces his old colleagues."

By KEVIN CONNOLLY

### PAST MATCHES BETWEEN ARSENAL AND LUTON

(Arsenal's score shown first)

#### DIVISION TWO

Season	H	A
1897/98	2-1	1-3
1898/99	3-0	1-4
1899/1900	5-1	0-3

#### DIVISION ONE

1955/56	3-0	0-0
1956/57	1-3	2-1
1957/58	2-0	0-4
1958/59	1-0	3-6
1959/60	0-3	1-0
1974/75	2-2	0-2
1982/83	4-1	2-2
1983/84	2-1	2-1
1984/85	3-1	1-3
1985/86	2-1	2-2
1986/87	3-0	0-0
1987/88	2-1	0-0
1988/89	2-0	1-1
1989/90	3-2	0-2

#### FOOTBALL LEAGUE/LITTLEWOODS CUP

1970/71 Third Round: Arsenal won 1-0 at Luton  
1988 Final: Luton won 3-2 at Wembley

#### FA CUP

1952 Sixth round: Arsenal won 3-2 at Luton  
1986 Fifth round: Luton won 3-0 at Luton after a 2-2 draw at Luton and a 0-0 draw at Highbury

■ Paul Davis, in action at Luton last season.

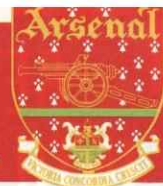
final, when they wrested midfield control from favourites Liverpool, a key factor in our 2-1 triumph.

They also helped a young Gunners squad lead the first division for three months.

Ex-Gunner Williams played here last December, when we beat the Hatters 3-2. But he was n't in the Luton squad when we lost 0-2 at Kenilworth Road in April. That day, Davis was playing his second comeback game after a hamstring injury.

Now, after seven matches for Swedish side Eskilstuna, plus a hard pre-season build-up, Paul is raring to go again.

# BACK TRACK



## 5 YEARS AGO

By coincidence, we met Luton at Kenilworth Road. With the help of a Mal Donaghy own-goal, we came away with a point from a 2-2 draw. Tony Woodcock was our other scorer.

Chuk Nwajiobi and Brian Stein netted the Luton goals.

## 10 YEARS AGO

It was derby day at Highbury, with a crowd of 54,045 packing the ground for the visit of Spurs. Second-half goals from David Price and Frank Stapleton earned the Gunners a 2-0 victory.

Luton got off to a good start in their Second Division game at Newcastle. Brian Stein opened the scoring after only nine minutes. The game was an hour old before Terry Hibbitt equalised. Frans Koenen grabbed Newcastle's winner 12 minutes later.

## 15 YEARS AGO

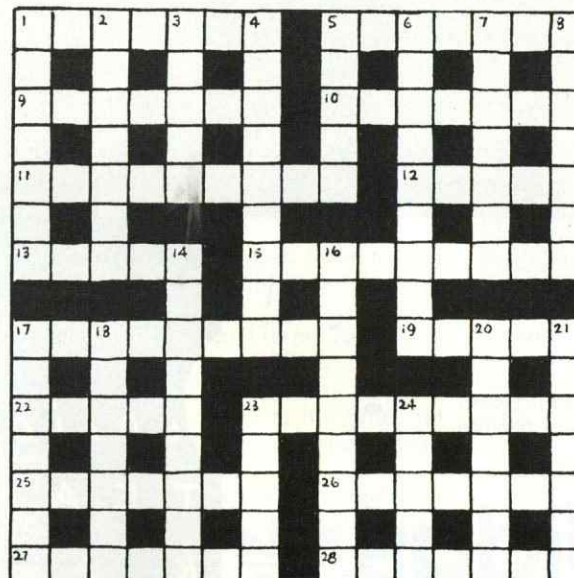
Goals from Alan Ball (penalty) and Eddie Kelly earned the Gunners a 2-1 home win over Norwich. Martin Peters was the Canaries' marksman.

Luton went down 0-1 at West Bromwich in a Second Division game, John Treweek netted the only goal, 15 minutes from the end.



■ Tony Woodcock... on target at Luton five years ago

# CROSSWORD



ARSENAL CROSSWORD No.571  
Compiled by John Barrett

#### Across

1. He gets the team fit (7)
5. Puts up a fight (7)
9. Like a new-look team (7)
10. Intention (7)
11. Clive, formerly with Portsmouth (9)
12. Flows past the City Ground (5)
13. Time for the lights (5)
17. Interval scores (4, 5)
19. Leaves out of the team (5)
23. United from Abbey Stadium (9)
25. Makes contact (7)
26. Takes supporters (7)
27. Kicks off the second half (7)
28. Track obstacles (7)

#### Down

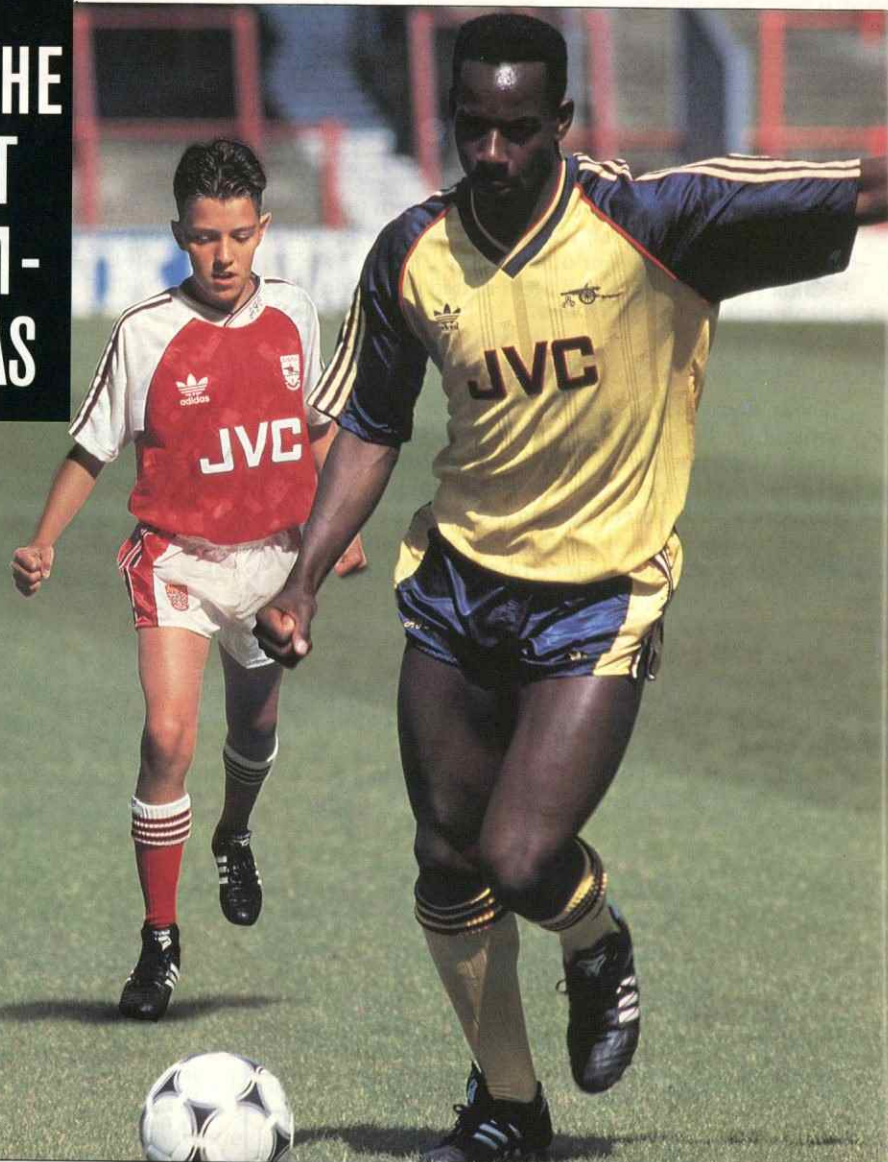
1. It restrats play (5-2)
2. Going slow! (7)
3. Like simple defending (5)
4. United from Millmoor (9)
5. Vienna team (5)
6. Unwelcome sight (9)
7. Old Welsh international weather? (7)
8. Gary, ex-Villa midfielder
14. Was Nico Claesen's team (9)
16. Summer international (4, 5)
17. Case lost her change (7)
18. Programme teams (4, 3)
20. Keeper Barry, once of Bolton (7)
21. Portsmouth's former Spur (7)
23. Jimmy's travel bags?
24. Not so common (5)

SOLUTIONS - Across: 1. Trainer; 5. Resists; 9. Rebuilt; 10. Purpose; 11. Whitehead; 12. Trent; 13. Night; 15. Hutchinson; 17. Half-times; 19. Rests; 22. Lunge; 23. Cambridge; 25. Touches; 26. Terrace; 27. Resumes; 28. Hurdles.  
Down: 1. Thrown-in; 2. Ambling; 3. Naive; 4. Rotherham; 5. Rapid; 6. Stretcher; 7. Showers; 8. Shelton; 14. Shelton; 16. Test Match; 17. Holster; 18. Line-ups; 20. Siddali; 21. Stevens; 23. Cases; 24. Rarer.





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# HIGHBURY FOCUS



## ANDY PLANS TO HIT THE HEIGHTS AT HIGHBURY

**N**ew boy Andy Linighan has fought back and prospered after the disappointment of being sold by Leeds four years ago. Now he aims to reach the pinnacle of his career, with the Gunners.

"I'm delighted to come to Arsenal," says the £1.2million centre back from Norwich; "I've always wanted to play for a famous club. Arsenal are always chasing honours, so I hope I'll pick up some medals."

Andy was delighted to go straight into the first team for our pre-season friendlies, though he had to watch from the subs bench at Wimbledon last Saturday. He admits he expects to fight hard for his place, with so many other centre backs challenging for a game.

"The fee didn't bother me. All I can do is carry on doing my best. It was nice to get involved so quickly," said Andy.

"I'm still very much settling in. Arsenal play the same system as Norwich, though the organisation is a bit different. I'm confident I can fit in, but that's something that can only be judged after a few months."

"I'm happy to have my family with me now, and we've a house down here. That adds a bit of extra stability."

The 6'3" centre back had built a powerful reputation with his home town club Hartlepool when then Leeds boss Eddie Gray paid £200,000 for him in May 1984. Linighan was 22 when he made his Leeds debut. He looked set for a long career at Elland Road.

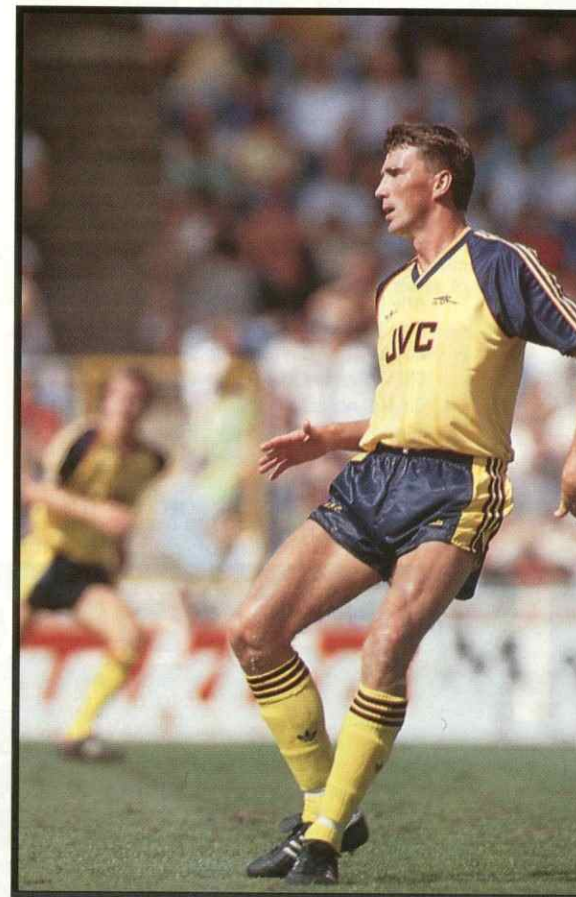
But Leeds next manager, their former skipper Billy Bremner, didn't see Andy as part of his plans.

"I wanted to stay at Elland Road and fight for my place. But Oldham made an offer, and suddenly I was on my way," he explains. "I was shaken at the time. Yet the experience made me even more determined to succeed."

Linighan proved a £65,000 bargain for the Boundary Park club, who sold him to

Norwich for £350,000 in 1988. While at Carrow Road, the tall defender won three England 'B' caps.

"Leaving Leeds turned out well for me in the long run, because I had two good



seasons at Oldham plus two at Norwich," he said: "The only gap is that I have n't won any major honours. International caps would rank as a bonus. I'm sure my chances will improve through coming to a big club like Arsenal."

By KEVIN CONNOLLY







# HIGHBURY

**ARSENAL v TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**  
**KICK OFF 3.00pm**

**THIS MATCH IS ALL TICKET**  
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**BEEN SOLD**

#### TERRACE TICKETS:

North Bank and Clock End tickets priced at £7 each.  
 Junior Gunners tickets priced at £2.50 each.  
 Cannon Club tickets priced at 3.50 each.  
 Concession tickets - juveniles/senior citizens priced at £3.50 each.

All the above tickets will go on sale both before and after tonight's match from the Box Office in Avenell Road (subject to availability). Junior Gunners and Cannon Club members must produce their membership cards for inspection.

Any tickets that remain will go on sale from the Box Office in Avenell Road on the following days:- Thursday August 30, 9.30am-7.30pm. Friday August 31 - 9.30am - 7.30pm.

Please note: Tickets are on sale to Arsenal supporters only. Any Tottenham Hotspur supporters buying these tickets are liable to be ejected on the day.

**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON THE DAY OF THE MATCH**

#### GRAHAM RIX TESTIMONIAL

Graham Rix's testimonial match against Spurs has been set for Saturday, October 13(kick-off 3pm). See forthcoming programmes for more details.



#### FAMILY ENCLOSURE MEMBERSHIP

Due to the large number of season tickets sold in our Family Enclose we only have a limited number of seats that go on sale on a match basis. Therefore we have now closed membership for the Family Enclosure.

#### COMING MATCHES AT HIGHBURY

**Saturday, September 1**  
**Barclays League Division One**  
**v TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR**  
**Kick-off 3pm**

**This match is all ticket. If you do not have a ticket, please stay away from the ground on Saturday.**

**Saturday, September 8**  
**Ovenden Papers Combination**  
**v CRYSTAL PALACE**  
**Kick-off 3pm**

# INFORMATION



#### BY CAR TO EVERTON

Follow the A1 to the M1. Continue on the M1 until Junction 19. Branch left to join the M6. Leave the M6 at junction 21A and follow the M62 into Liverpool. After 1.5miles, turn right on the A5058 into Queens Drive. After 3.7miles, turn left on the A580 into Walton Hall Avenue. Continue until turning right into Goodison Road, where the ground is situated.

#### SEASON TICKETS 1990/91

Both seat and terrace season tickets are still available. Please contact the Box Office for more details.

**Important announcements will be preceded by a loud signal. When you hear the signal, please listen closely.**

#### OBITUARY

We were sad to learn of the deaths of three loyal Gunners fans during the summer...

Of 74 year-old Cecil Walker, a lifelong supporter, with an expert memory for recalling our great days of the 30s; Of Sandy Tonnar, whose family and friends say he enjoyed some of his best moments at Highbury; Of Peter Hughes, aged 54, an avid fan from 1946 till the end of last season. We send our condolences to their families and friends.



*Anders Limpar celebrates his goal against Aston Villa in the Makita tournament. Michael Thomas rushes to congratulate him.*



## ARSENAL SPORT

#### ARSENAL HOCKEY LEAGUE PRESENTATIONS

Well done to the champions of the Arsenal Hockey League, who will receive their trophies and medals before tonight's game. Our two u-13 leagues were won by East London, and Crostyx from Woodford. Tulse Hill and Arsenal were the two u-11 league champs.

#### ARSENAL STAFF ON FORM

The Arsenal Staff five and seven-a-side teams enjoyed great success in the City of London football competitions in our sports centre.

They won the seven-a-side cup, beating the Corporation of London in the final, and finished runners-up in both the five-a-side league and cup. In the league, they were pipped on goal difference by Ashby and Horner. In the cup final, they went down 1-3 to British Telecom International.

The team was skippered by goalkeeper and stadium manager John Beattie. Other regulars were John's assistant Bill James, Paddy Galligan and Billy O'Connor from the ground staff, assistant groundsman Darren Baldwin, assistant secretary David Miles, Brett Alger(accounts), Paul Johnson (Travel Club), Simon Birch (Gunners Shop) and marketing manager Phil Carling.

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 Gunners Shop ————— 071 226 9562

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 Dial-a-Seat ————— 071 226 4050  
 Arsenal Action Sport — 071 226 2150  
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## TRAVEL CLUB

**GUNNERS AWAY TRAVEL**

**EVERTON v ARSENAL**

**Barclays League, Saturday, September 8, kick-off 3pm**

**T**he Travel Club has organised both train and coach trips to this match.

The train leaves Euston at 10.46am and arrives back at 8.49pm.

This train is an Inter-City service, with buffet facilities.

Return rail fare costs £17.75 for Travel Club members, and £18.75 for

season ticket holders. Fares include each way bus transfers between Lime Street station and Goodison Park.

Coaches leave Arsenal Stadium at 10am. Return fare costs £12 for Travel Club members and £13 for season ticket holders.

The Travel Club will also be running an executive trip

to this game. For more details, contact Paul or Sue on 071 359 0205.

Seat tickets (price: £7.50) are available from the Travel Club.

Terrace admission on the day will cost £5.

Arsenal Travel Club is open from 9.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday, and before all first team home matches.







# COMMERCIAL CORNER

## BUSIER AND BUSIER IN OUR SOUTH STAND COMPLEX

The summer months have been an exceptionally busy period for the new function rooms located in the South Stand Complex. Over 60 separate events have been held since the Southampton game on May 2, ranging from weddings, banquets and parties, through to sporting evenings for companies, exhibitions and conferences. The Complex is rapidly establishing itself as one of London's premier function venues, and is still available for hire.

**EUROPERSONNEL SERVICES** held its fifth annual five-a-side football tournament at Arsenal in mid-June. The monies raised were donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

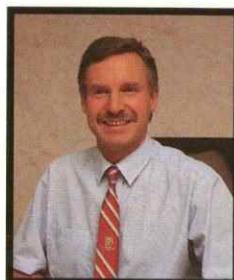
Arsenal's Brian Marwood was on hand to present the prizes and to be a very able M.C. during the raffle. Members of the cast of TV's EastEnders provided one of the 16 teams, and nearly 200 people came to play and watch.

Organiser John Davis said "We are very grateful for the assistance of Arsenal Football Club, who apart from helping us host this event, have organised their video studio to provide 'live' TV coverage and VHS copies for competitors to purchase after the event."

The Europersonnel competition was one of 18 such soccer tournaments held at the stadium over the summer.



John Hazell  
(Commercial Manager)



Phillip Carling  
(Marketing Manager)

### ARSENAL 'WORLD OF SPORT'

Keep an eye out for the grand opening of Arsenal's new shop, which will take pride of place at Finsbury Park station. Called "Arsenal World of Sport", the 2,5000 square foot unit will stock all Arsenal-related products, as well as sports goods from a comprehensive range of major manufacturers.

### NEW VIDEO TITLES

The highlights of last season are now available on videotape and can be purchased through the Gunners Shop, selected retailers or via a credit card hotline (078 271 4446). The tape is over 100 minutes long and features interviews and musical sequences, as well as goals from all

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# HIGHBURY HEROES



## JOE MERCER: A tribute to a great Gunner

It would be hard to find a more popular Gunner than Joe Mercer.

Fans of an earlier generation still speak of him with awe. If the great Tom Whittaker was Arsenal's post-war leader off the field, Mercer - who died aged 76 on August 10 - was the Gunners leader on it.

Arsenal never made a shrewder signing than Mercer, a £7,000 snip from Everton in November 1946. He made his name at Goodison before the war as an attacking wing half. When Everton suddenly didn't want the bandy-legged 32 year-old, the Gunners swooped.

Whittaker, himself a great physio, helped repair the knee that had caused Mercer so much worry. 'Uncle Joe' switched to become a fine defensive wing half, and one of the finest skippers in Arsenal's history.

In 1948, he led the Gunners to the title. Five years later, he gained another championship medal. In 1950, he collected the F.A. Cup from King George after Arsenal had beaten Liverpool 2-0. In 1952, he headed the Gunners up the steps as Wembley's unluckiest losers.

One night in April 1954, his career ended. He was carried off with a broken leg, during an end-of-season game against Aston Villa. Gunners goalkeeping great Jack Kelsey, who played behind Mercer in the 1953 title-winning side, recalls: "It was one of the most moving scenes I remember on a football pitch. The whole crowd stood. They knew they'd seen the end of Joe's playing days."

Joe went on to become a successful manager, with Sheffield United, Aston Villa and Manchester City, and briefly, with England. But he'll always be best loved at Highbury.

Says Kelsey: "You'll never find a better captain. He led by example, and he had tremendous personality. He's the only player I've ever seen who threatened to send the referee off during a match!"

"His legs looked like they wouldn't last ten weeks, let alone ten years. But he was a great player, and one of the most jovial characters I've ever met."

At the Makita tournament, the Sunday Times football writer Brian Glanville, recalled Mercer's Wembley triumph 40 years ago, and commented: "He leaves behind him a million happy memories. Wherever he went, he spread goodwill and delight."

Few players inspire such affection.



## NEXT AT HIGHBURY



Terry Venables

**TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR  
BARCLAYS LEAGUE,  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1,  
KICK-OFF 3PM**

**S**aturday is derby day at Highbury. Terry Venables will be brining his Spurs side here - complete with England World Cup stars Paul Gascoigne and Gary Lineker.

Inconsistency cost Spurs the chance of making a serious bid for the championship last season.

But they clearly have the players to stake a claim, and, if they can start the new season as they finished the last, they will be right up among the leaders.

Tottenham won seven of their last eight matches last term, including victories in three of their closing four away games.

Lineker celebrated his return to English football, following three years with Barcelona, by leading Spurs' scoring list with 26 goals.

And we can expect more goals from Gascoigne now he has come of age as an international star. He netted just seven times last term.

For our part, we shall be hoping to repeat last season's victory over our neighbours, when a second-half goal from Tony Adams did the trick!





# STATISTICS

## BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 1990/91

	F	A	POS	ATT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
Aug 25	Wimbledon	0	3	—	13,733	Seaman	Dixon	Winterburn	Thomas	Bould	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith <sup>1</sup>	Merson <sup>1</sup>	Limpar	Groves(85) <sup>1</sup> Linighan
Aug 29	Luton																
Sept 1	Tottenham Hotspur																
Sept 8	Everton																
Sept 15	Chelsea																
Sept 22	Nottingham Forest																
Sept 26	Rumbelows Cup 2nd Rd, 1st Leg																
Sept 29	Leeds Utd																
Oct 6	Norwich City																
Oct 10	Rumbelows Cup 2nd Rd, 2nd Leg																
Oct 20	Manchester Utd																
Oct 27	Sunderland																
Oct 31	Rumbelows Cup 3rd Rd																
Nov 3	Coventry City																
Nov 10	Crystal Palace																
Nov 17	Southampton																
Nov 24	QPR																
Nov 28	Rumbelows Cup 4th Rd																
Dec 1	Liverpool																
Dec 8	Luton Town																
Dec 15	Wimbledon																
Dec 22	Aston Villa																
Dec 26	Derby County																
Dec 29	Sheffield Utd																
Jan 1	Manchester City																
Jan 5	FA Cup 3rd Rd																
Jan 12	Tottenham Hotspur																
Jan 16	Rumbelows Cup 5th Rd																
Jan 19	Everton																
Jan 26	FA Cup 4th Rd																
Feb 2	Chelsea																
Feb 9	Nottingham Forest																
Feb 13	Rumbelows Cup SF 1st Leg																
Feb 16	Southampton (FA Cup 5th Rd)																
Feb 23	Crystal Palace																
Feb 27	Rumbelows Cup SF 2nd Leg																
Mar 2	Liverpool																
Mar 9	QPR (FA Cup 6th Rd)																
Mar 16	Leeds Utd																
Mar 23	Norwich City																
Mar 30	Derby County																
Apr 1	Aston Villa																
Apr 6	Sheffield Utd																
Apr 13	Manchester City (FA Cup SF)																
Apr 20	Manchester Utd																
Apr 21	Rumbelows Cup Final																
May 4	Sunderland																
May 11	Coventry City																
May 18	FA Cup Final																

0 Time substitute used. + Player substituted. \* Own goal. ++After extra time.

## PRE-SEASON FRIENDLIES

**Swedish Tour**  
v Varbergs Bois (a) 2-0  
Half time: 2-0  
Scorers: Merson, Rocastle  
Arsenal: Seaman (Miller), Caesar (Dixon), Winterburn, Bould (Pates), Adams (Linighan), Jonsson Thomas, Rocastle, Davis, Smith, Merson (Campbell), Groves (Marwood)

v Vastra Frolunde (a) 4-0  
Half time: 2-0  
Scorers: Linighan, Smith, Merson 2  
Arsenal: Seaman (Miller), Dixon, Winterburn (Caesar), Linighan (Bould), Pates (Adams), Thomas, Rocastle (Groves), Davis (Jonsson), Smith, Campbell (Merson), Limpar (Marwood)

v IFK Varnamo (a) 2-2  
Half time: 1-1  
Scorers: Limpar, Merson  
Arsenal: Seaman, Dixon, Winterburn, Linighan, Adams, Thomas (Jonsson), Rocastle, Davis, Smith (Campbell), Merson, Limpar (Groves)

v Wolves (a) 1-0  
Half time: 1-0  
Scorer: Smith  
Arsenal: Seaman, Dixon, Winterburn, Thomas, Linighan, Adams, Rocastle, Davis, Smith, Merson, Marwood (Groves, 70 minutes)  
Attendance: 10,000

**Makita Tournament**  
v Aston Villa (Wembley) 2-0  
Half time: 1-0  
Scorers: Limpar, Campbell  
Arsenal: Seaman, Dixon, Winterburn, Thomas, Linighan, Adams, Rocastle (Groves, 73 minutes), Davis, Smith, Merson (Campbell, 68 minutes), Limpar  
Attendance: 20,063

Final, v Sampdoria (Wembley) 0-1  
Half time: 0-1  
Arsenal: Seaman, Dixon, Winterburn, Thomas, Linighan (Bould, 69 minutes), Adams, Rocastle, Davis, Smith, Merson (Campbell, 69 minutes), Limpar  
Attendance: 21,542

**Steve Gattin Testimonial**  
v Brighton (a) 2-2  
Half time: 2-2  
Scorers: Rocastle, Smith  
Arsenal: Seaman, Dixon, Winterburn, Thomas (Jonsson, 65 minutes), Linighan (Bould, 65 minutes), Adams, Rocastle, Davis, Smith, Merson (Campbell, 65 minutes), Limpar

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ARSENAL  
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£1.50**

## HOW TO GET YOUR Highbury TICKETS

BOX OFFICE  
PHONE NUMBERS

ANSAPHONE:  
071-359 0131

ENQUIRIES:  
071-226 0304

### MATCH TICKET INFORMATION

Prices or reserved seats for our home league matches

		Normal match day price	GRADE 'A' MATCHES, i.e. Tottenham, Liverpool, Manchester Utd, Everton, Chels
<b>CENTRE BLOCKS</b>	(C, D, W and X)	£15.00	£16.00
<b>NEXT TO CENTRE</b>	(B, E, V and Y)	£11.00	£12.00
<b>WING BLOCKS</b>	(A, F, U and Z)	£10.00	£11.00
<b>LOWER TIERS</b>		£ 7.00	£ 8.00
<b>TERRACE:</b>			
	<b>Adult</b>	£ 6.00	£ 7.00
	<b>Senior Citizens</b>	£ 3.50	£ 3.50
	<b>Juveniles</b>	£ 3.50	£ 3.50
	<b>JUNIOR GUNNERS</b>	£ 2.50	£ 2.50
	<b>CANNON CLUB</b>	£ 3.50	£ 3.50
<b>FAMILY ENCLOSURE: Adult</b>		£ 7.00	£ 7.00
<b>(Members Only)</b>	<b>Senior Citizens</b>	£ 4.00	£ 4.00
	<b>Juveniles</b>	£ 4.00	£ 4.00

(Details on Family Enclosure membership available from the Arsenal Box Office by ringing 071-226 0304).

Most available seats at Highbury are priced at £7 (£8 for grade 'A' matches). Please write to the Box Office, Arsenal Football Club, Highbury, London N5 1BU, and enclose the appropriate remittance and a stamped addressed envelope. Personal application can be made between 9.30am and 5pm. Monday to Friday and first team Saturdays from 9.30am.

## BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE – 1989/90 FINAL TABLE

	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Top League Scorers	Average Home League Attendance
Liverpool	38	13	5	1	38	15	10	5	4	40	22	79	Barnes 22, Rush 18, Beardsley 10	36,887
Aston Villa	38	13	3	3	36	20	8	4	7	21	18	70	Platt 19, Cascarino 11 (9 Millwall)	25,459
Tottenham	38	12	1	6	35	24	7	5	7	24	23	63	Lineker 24	26,484
Arsenal	38	14	3	2	38	11	4	5	10	16	27	62	Smith 10	33,672
Chelsea	38	8	7	4	31	24	8	5	6	27	26	60	Dixon 20, K. Wilson 14	21,802
Everton	38	14	3	2	40	16	3	5	11	17	30	59	Cottee 12	26,353
Southampton	38	10	5	4	40	27	5	5	9	31	36	55	Le Tissier 20, Rod Wallace 17	16,390
Wimbledon	38	5	8	6	22	23	8	8	3	25	17	55	Fashanu 11	7,652
Nottm Forest	38	9	4	6	31	21	6	5	8	24	26	54	Hodge 10	20,606
Norwich	38	7	10	2	24	14	6	4	9	20	28	53	Fleck 7, Bowen 7	16,737
QPR	38	9	4	6	27	22	4	7	8	18	22	50	Sinton 6, Wegerle 6	13,190
Coventry	38	11	2	6	24	25	3	5	11	15	34	49	Speedie 8	14,292
Man Utd	38	8	6	5	26	14	5	3	11	20	33	48	Hughes 13	38,979
Man City	38	9	4	6	26	21	3	8	8	17	31	48	Allen 10	27,975
Crystal Palace	38	8	7	4	27	23	5	2	12	15	43	48	Bright 12	17,328
Derby	38	9	1	9	29	21	4	6	9	14	19	46	Saunders 11	17,537
Luton	38	8	8	3	24	18	2	5	12	19	39	43	Black 11	9,872
Sheff Wed	38	8	6	5	21	17	3	4	12	14	34	43	Hirst 14	20,927
Charlton	38	4	6	9	18	25	3	3	13	13	32	30	Williams 10	10,603
Millwall	38	4	6	9	23	25	1	5	13	16	40	26	Sheringham 9	12,455

## HELPING THE GAME



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

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.

Safety and comfort for all spectators is the primary objective and substantial funds have been made available for the provision of seating at Football League grounds. At the same time the Trust's commitment to family and community initiatives will continue with the provision of more family enclosures, better toilet facilities, covered accommodation, artificial pitches for local use and the development of women's and junior football particularly through community programmes plus a wide range of policing and crowd control measures.

Each year The Trust expects to receive £20 million from the reduction in Pool Betting Duty plus the £10 million continuing contribution from the Spotting-the-Ball competition organised by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zettlers. This money will be invested in projects which benefit football throughout the United Kingdom.





# TEAM LINE-UPS

## ARSENAL

Red shirts, white neck and sleeves, white shorts, red socks

v

## LUTONTOWN

White shirts, black shorts, white socks

DAVID SEAMAN

LEE DIXON

NIGEL WINTERBURN

MICHAEL THOMAS

STEVE BOULD

TONY ADAMS

DAVID ROCASTLE

PAUL DAVIS

ALAN SMITH

PAUL MERSON

ANDERS LIMPAR

ALEC CHAMBERLAIN

TIM BREACKER

JULIAN JAMES

DARREN McDONOUGH

JOHN DREYER

RICHARD BEAUMONT

DAVID PREECE

LARS ELSTRUP

IAIN DOWIE

CERI HUGHES

KINGSLEY BLACK



Referee: B Hill (Kettering)

Linesmen: G. T. Pearson (red trim) and M Stobbart (yellow trim)

## SCOREBOARD

### TONIGHT'S OTHER FIRST DIVISION MATCHES

COVENTRY v EVERTON

DERBY v SHEFFIELD UTD

QPR v WIMBLEDON

SEASON 1990/91

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