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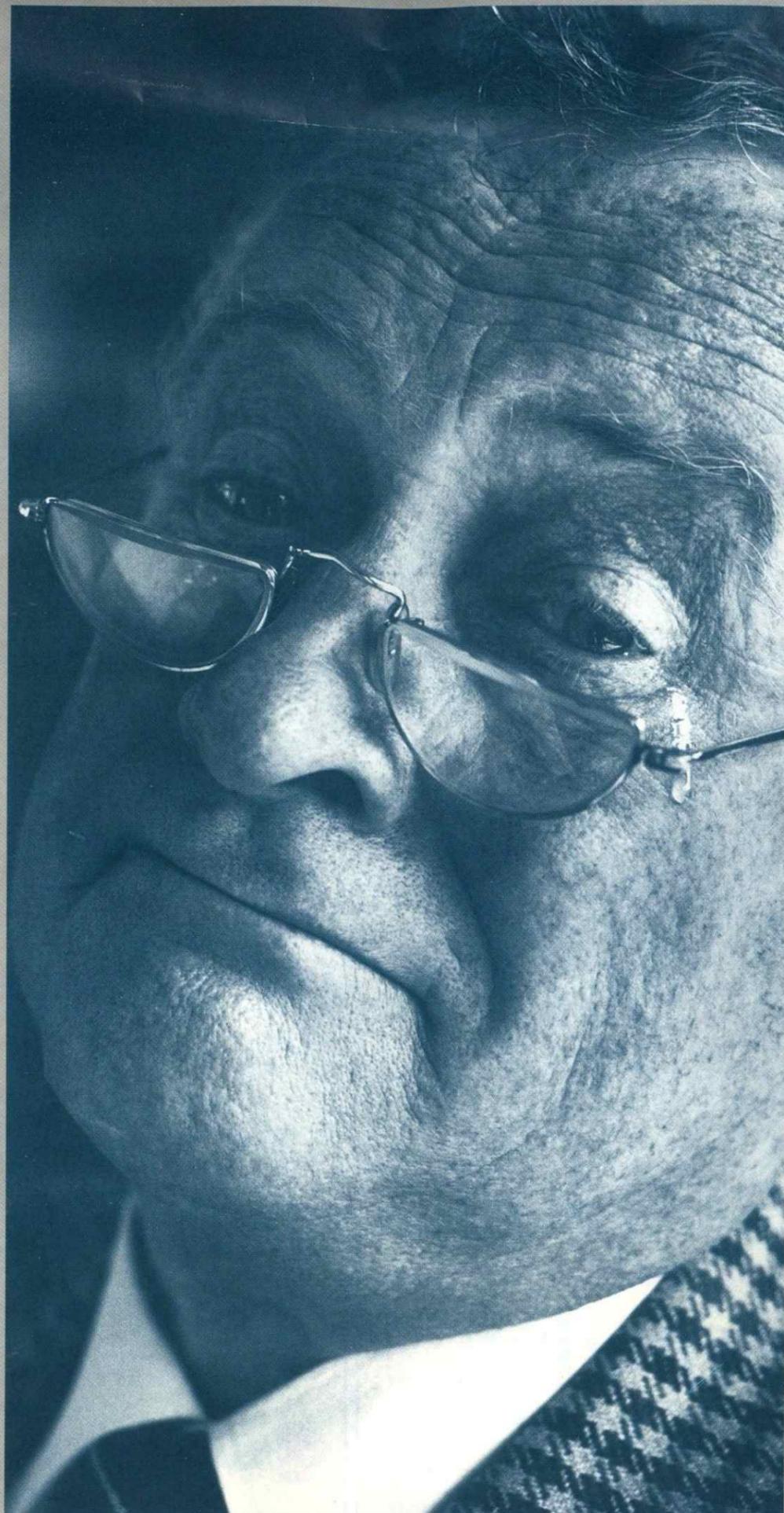
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kick off

Welcome back to Plough Lane after the exertions of Christmas. Let's hope that the Dons start 1991 as they finished it, with three successful teams.

Whatever happened to the first team over the Xmas period the reserves and youth sides ended 1990 on a high, with Joe Kinnear's men right up there in the Ovenden Combination and Terry Burton's youngsters topping their division.

Today we talk to Aidan Newhouse in the centre pages about the reserves and his ambitions after a frustrating first half of the season. There's also a review of the year with all the highs and lows at Plough Lane. That can be found in Down the Lane. Fairly up-to-date Stats on Page 22 and a slightly "Political" Other View on Page 8.



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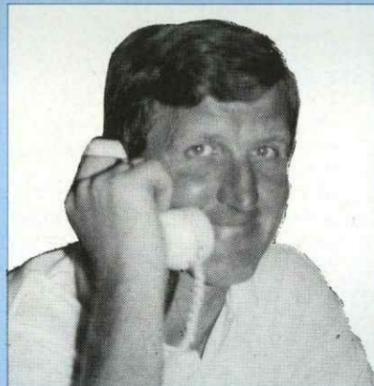
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Ray Harford



Welcome to Wimbledon after the Christmas break. I hope that everybody's Christmas went well and that you enjoyed yourselves. Unfortunately, because of printing deadlines brought forward, these notes have had to be written without the benefit of seeing any of the Christmas matches, so you will have to excuse me if I'm overtaken by events. We can start the year in exactly the right way with a win today. Today's match is important because it kicks off the second half of the season and it could be a make or break time for us. I see no reason, looking at our form in the run-up to Christmas, why we shouldn't book ourselves a permanent place in the top six. I think we've got the quality of

player here and the strength in depth to compete with the best in Division One and we must continue to put good results together.

On the other hand, it's so easy to slip into a poor run of results and suddenly find yourselves too close to the relegation zone for comfort.

We've shown what consistency can do, climbing from fourth from bottom to sixth from top in the space of a handful of games, but it can just as easily work the other way.

There is also the FA Cup to think about in a few days time. Obviously there is a special atmosphere generated by the Cup and Villa Park will be a daunting place to travel to on Saturday.

But our away form has been generally impressive this season, and I feel confident about the clash.

It's also nice to be able to welcome back to the first team squad Steve Anthrobus and Vaughan Ryan. Both have been missing since the start of the season and will add the strength in depth that I was talking about earlier.

Enjoy the game and have a Happy New Year

RAY HARFORD

**LOOK
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Happy Hatters

Luton have mixed feelings about a trip to Plough Lane after an eventful series of visits in the last few seasons.

And it's a special occasion for boss Ray Harford as it's the first time he's faced his old team in charge of a club. Ironically, Luton were the first team to visit Plough Lane after Ray was appointed as assistant to Bobby Gould back in March.

On that day the Hatters escaped with a win over the Dons, thanks to a debatable goal set up by David Preece after he took a short free-kick — to himself!

All eyes will be on him if he plays and if Luton get a free-kick anywhere on the park!

The season before that, the Dons reversed the result and really turned on the power with a Vinnie Jones special that sticks in the memory.

Let's hope for a repeat of that performance from the Dons and hope they can start 1991 on a winning note.

Repeat Needed

Next Saturday's trip to Aston Villa in the FA Cup will bring back memories of two seasons ago when the Dons came away from Villa Park with a memorable victory. A Vinnie Jones goal via a firm deflection from Carlton Fairweather was enough to settle the issue, although it was made all the more nerve-wracking when Wimbledon had to hold out with 10 men after Eric Young was dismissed for elbowing David Platt in an off-the-ball incident.

Let's hope that Saturday's trip to the Midlands is more profitable than last season's when West Brom ejected the Dons at the first hurdle.

Some Belated Birthdays

Sincere apologies to Roger Joseph and Terry Gibson, due to a shortage of space in the Manchester United programme, their birthday greetings were omitted. So it's a belated congratulations to Terry who was 28 on December 23 and Roger who was 25 on Christmas Eve.

Father Christmas

Would the Father Christmas who was ejected from the Wimbledon area by the Police at Highbury, please contact the club office. Where "he will learn something to his advantage" as they say in good soliciting language.

Home Front

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Message to Ray and The Boys — Make good use of the ball and may it find the back of their net more than once

David Finch

The Supporters Club and Football Club has lost a good friend with the sad passing away of David Finch. He collapsed in the street after the Chelsea match and never regained consciousness up to his death on Wednesday the 19th December. A north stand season ticket holder, David was the Supporters Club auditor since 1980. Our condolences go to his wife, Sandra and all his family.



Celebrations after the Dons' equaliser at Arsenal.

Barclays League gate check

Jack Rollin's round-up in the *Sunday Telegraph* gives the breakdown for Barclays League gates in the first seventeen weeks of the current season as follows:—

	Aggregate	Games	Average	+/- %
Division One	89-90 3,727,683	180	20,709	
	90-91 3,909,445	167	23,410	+13.0%
Division Two	89-90 3,130,570	261	11,995	
	90-91 2,748,717	242	11,358	-5.3%
Division Three	89-90 1,106,866	228	4,855	
	90-91 1,106,751	216	5,124	+5.5%
Division Four	89-90 705,646	226	3,122	
	90-91 670,831	215	3,120	-0.1%
Total	89-90 8,670,765	895	9,688	
	90-91 8,435,744	840	10,043	

Very Remiss

Madalaine who is both David Barnard's & Ray Harford's secretary has been at the club for four seasons. Every year around about the 11th December Madalaine has a Birthday, not once in those four years has she been mentioned in the programme. So here's a very special message:—

HAPPY NEW YEAR MADALAINE.

Live TV games

Hurry off home after today's match and you might just catch the start of this evening's live TV match from White Hart Lane, kicking-off at five o'clock against Manchester United.

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Down the lane

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

January

The year hardly started in the best of style for the Dons when they went out of the FA Cup at the first hurdle, losing 2-0 at rain-soaked West Brom in ankle-deep mud. Boss Bobby Gould described it as 'one of the most inept performances I've witnessed as Wimbledon manager.'

While there may not have been much New Year cheer around Plough Lane, Mickey Bennett was in seventh heaven. Having shaken off a mass of injury problems, he swapped the gloom of the Valley for the brighter lights of Wimbledon moving across London from Charlton for £250,000.

And the joy didn't stop there for Bennett. On his debut against champions Arsenal, he scored the winner in the 89th minute! That came after Terry Gibson, Dennis Wise and Carlton Fairweather had all been dropped in a shock move.



ALAN CORK

February

The rumours had started. John Fashanu had failed to agree new terms with the Dons and was being linked with St Etienne in France. After their match with Luton was rained off, the Dons managed to grab a point at Maine Road thanks to Alan Cork single-handedly destroying Manchester City with a marvellous goal after appearing off the bench.

Gould splashed out more money on another winger, bringing Steve Anthrobus to Plough Lane from Millwall.

There was more transfer speculation linking Dennis Wise with Arsenal in a million pound move. But the Dons ended the month with an amazing win at Championship-chasing Aston Villa.

March

Wimbledon's fine run continued when they hit three for the second week running, hammering Everton 3-1 and left Gould proclaiming, 'We fear nobody!'

On the back of those fine wins, newspaper reports were already speculating that Gould's contract negotiations were just a formality and that he would be offered a brand new three year deal. Ray Harford was named as Wimbledon coach almost two months to the day he lost his job at Luton.

Dave Kemp, Harford's predecessor at Plough Lane took Mark Fiore and Dean Blackwell on loan to Plymouth. Fiore was later to make the deal permanent for £50,000.

The month ended with two draws. Wimbledon letting 10-man Southampton off the hook at Plough Lane while John Fashanu grabbed them a point with a penalty against Sheffield Wednesday.

April

Terry Gibson returned to the squad for the trip to Nottingham Forest with Gould claiming it was 'make or break time' for the Dons season. They won at the City Ground, but couldn't repeat that against Liverpool at Anfield, going down 2-1. While the Dons were drawing with Norwich, there was more talk of a move away from Plough Lane to a site at Beddington Lane in Mitcham.

Wimbledon hammered the final nail into the coffin of fellow-south Londoners Charlton, as goals from Dennis Wise and John Fashanu in the first 10 minutes condemned Lennie Lawrence's side to the Second Division.

May

A goalless draw at Old Trafford and defeat by Palace at Plough Lane began this month but the season ended on a high with a valiant victory over QPR at Loftus Road.

For once, there seemed to be little bubbling under to disturb the peace and tranquility at Plough Lane as the summer break became reality. Garry Brooke and Andy Clement were given free transfers. Eric Young was called up for Wales against Costa Rica. But suddenly the calm erupted when Dennis Wise moved to Chelsea in a club record £1.6m transfer and the writing on the wall was there for a far from peaceful summer.

June

Bobby Gould tried to invest some of the money he got for Wise in Bayern Munich striker, Alan McNally, but was turned down.

But then came the biggest story of the year. Gould decided not to renew his contract and handed in his notice of resignation. The club felt that it was in both parties' interest that a fresh start should be made and Ray Harford was named caretaker manager until Gould's contract expired in December.

Striker Terry Gibson, in dispute for several months, signed a new three-year deal.

July

Gibson's signature was hardly dry when goalkeeper Hans Segers pledged his long-term future to the Dons, signing a four-year contract. Eric Young was linked with a move to Crystal Palace.

August

Eric Young moved to Palace for £850,000 just weeks before the new season started, leaving Dons fans depressed and even thinking about relegation. Their mood wasn't helped by a 3-0 hammering by Arsenal on the opening day of the new campaign. Paul Miller was on the field for just 23 minutes before being ruled out for the rest of the season.



PAUL MILLER

September

Wimbledon grabbed their first points of the season, beating QPR at Loftus Road with a John Fashanu goal and then drawing at Derby thanks to a disputed goal from John Gayle - disputed only by fellow striker Steve Cotterill who claimed he got a touch.



STEVE COTTERILL

Liverpool inflicted the second defeat of the season on the Dons and the signs weren't good and Sam Hammam denied all rumours that the Dons would be buying Vinnie Jones back from Leeds.

Wimbledon ended the month without a win, drawing at Coventry and at home to Sunderland and Manchester City, while losing 1-0 in the first leg of the Rumbelows Cup at Plymouth.

October

More trauma at Plough Lane as John Gayle and Keith Curle were involved in a training ground bust-up. And Gayle further blackened his name when he was sent off at Sheffield United after allegedly elbowing Vinnie Jones in the face. The only consolation was that the Dons claimed a 2-1 win.

That victory meant nothing as the Dons crashed out of the Rumbelows Cup, losing 1-0 at home to Plymouth Argyle.

A draw with Aston Villa and a seven-goal thriller - but defeat - at Crystal Palace rounded off an eventful month.

November

The most bizarre goal ever seen at Plough Lane heralded the new month as Southampton's Tim Flowers contrived to score in his own net, but the Dons still only managed a draw. Terry Gibson made his first full appearance of the season—and for eight months—at Spurs although his presence could not inspire a win.

But John Fashanu signed a new contract to finally end the longest running negotiations in the history of the world.

Another striker, John Gayle was making his exit from Plough Lane, in a £175,000 move back to his native Birmingham.

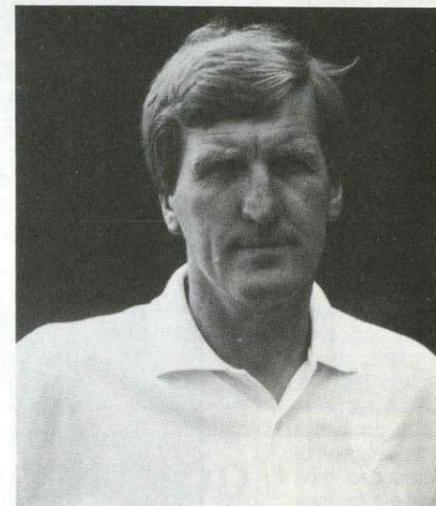
The Dons sparked a mini-revolution collecting their first home win of the season against Chelsea and then followed it up with a defeat of Everton.

December

The Dons went from strength to strength, mercilessly hammering Norwich and QPR. Seven goals scored and none conceded, it was fairy-tale stuff for the fans who had waited so long for the Wimbledon machine to burst into life.

Sixth place in the table was a fine position for Ray Harford to start his tenure as Dons manager after Bobby Gould's contract finally expired, but his first game in charge saw the Dons slip to a 2-0 defeat against Ipswich in the Zenith Data Systems Cup.

But they got back on track the following Saturday securing a point at Arsenal after battling back from 2-0 down.



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The Other View

One of the more remarkable consequences of John Major's arrival at No. 10 Downing Street is that, for the first time in years, we have a Prime Minister who loves football. So, too, do several leading members of his team. One of the odder sights of the summer was the spectacle of Norman Lamont, now Chancellor, and David Mellor, his deputy, huddled together during the World Cup in earnest discussion of the sweeper system. Kenneth Clarke, Education Minister, supports Forest. Football, at last, has good friends in high places.

The Prime Minister, a regular visitor to Stamford Bridge, was widely credited with staying his predecessor from her worst excesses, and lobbied hard to have the identity card scheme put on ice. Football must recognise, and court, this new and powerful friend.

But whilst this is an opportunity to wipe the slate clean and start afresh, it is not an excuse for further bouts of whingeing and handwringing from those who run the game. John Major is not one of nature's windbags. He is a man who is happiest with facts and figures. Facts and figures, alone, will impress him.

High on the credit side of the balance sheet has been the steady increase in attendances over the past few seasons, indicating that there is a great reservoir of goodwill for the game, always providing that the product is worth watching, and that the chances of getting beaten up are negligible. The surge in interest in the Conference may have as much to do with a feeling of relative safety, as it does with the unofficial adoption of the League as a fifth division. It may also have a great deal to do with the willingness of the clubs to put themselves out for their supporters, and to improve facilities. Wycombe's new ground has massively increased their gates. In Scotland, the rebuilding at St Johnstone achieved the same end. But, scattered through the League, there are still too many decrepit stadia which reek of nostalgia.

There are two specific areas in which football needs help with this problem, and they are areas where a sympathetic Government can help very easily, providing the proposals are thought-through properly, and presented coherently.

The first, and most obvious, is with specific tax-breaks to free revenue for ground improvements and relocation. Diverting Pools revenue is the easiest option: it has been done in some measure already. The second is some assistance with planning legislation to enable clubs to relocate reasonably easily. Many of the objections raised against specific plans mooted by clubs wishing to move have revolved around fears of nuisance to residents. There may be a case for considering green-field site options as the norm. The loss of green-belt land would be minimal, compared with the benefits from minimising traffic congestion, and nuisance.

The arguments against clubs moving to green-field sites are well-rehearsed, and revolve around nostalgia as much as anything else. The existing locations, by and large, are accidents of history, and most were green-field sites when the stadia were first erected.

I love Plough Lane. I like its intimacy, the friendliness of the staff, the players, the supporters. I enjoy pointing out to guests - they have included Americans, Zimbabweans, & Spanish - the little office from which all the hard work is done, and they never believe me when I tell them that is THE office. They find it... quaint.

That's the problem. Football has - now - new friends in high places. They will be willing to listen to reason, and to fact. But only to reason, and fact. John Major is a banker by trade: he will listen to businesses which present coherent development plans. He will not listen to anything else. Football, for the first time in years, has an unprecedented opportunity to present a well-worked plan for the future, which will be heard, and understood, at the highest level of Government. The time clock has started ticking. I do not yet see a plan. I see no indication that the League, or the FA, have even realised that the opportunity is there. Two points deducted for lack of observance. Next business please...

HERBIE KNOTT

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today's visitors

DARRON McDONOUGH — Belgium-born McDonough scored on his League debut for Oldham against Notts County in December 1980, thereby joining an exclusive Club. He signed for Luton in 1986 in exchange for £87,000 to become a versatile and valuable member of the squad which reached Wembley four times in 14 months. He was unfortunate to be injured just before the Town's Littlewoods Cup Final win in 1988 and was beset with further problems last season after taking over as centre-half in succession to Steve Foster.

RICHARD HARVEY — Born at Letchworth, in April 1969, Harvey, following a number of fine performances for the Combination side as well as captaining the successful Youth team, made his deserved full League debut at home to Queens Park Rangers in November 1986. He made four further appearances towards the end of 1986/87, showing maturity beyond his years and is now recognised as a First team squad member. He has toured South America with the England Under-19 squad.

JOHN DREYER — Signed at a cost of £140,000 from Oxford United in the summer of 1988, he joined United from Wallingford Town and appeared on loan for Torquay and Fulham before making his Oxford debut at home to Coventry in October 1986. Normally a left-back he was drafted into central defence last season when he made the number six shirt his own with a string of outstanding performances. He turned down a big money move to Crystal Palace.

PAUL GRAY — Promising Portsmouth born youngster who is expected to press for a first team place this season after making the breakthrough last term. He made his debut in a Simod Cup tie at Everton in February 1988 and scored a vital goal against Coventry in the First Division last March.

JULIAN JAMES — Locally-born James is another from the Town's youth scheme hoping to make a name for himself after establishing himself in the First team last season. He came on as substitute three times towards the end of 1987/88 including the 1-1 draw at Anfield and appeared on four occasions in 1988-89. Last season he played 19 games in the First Division as a reliable and strong left back. He was picked for the England U-21 squad for the mini World Cup tournament in Toulon last summer.

ALEC CHAMBERLAIN — A tall and agile goalkeeper, Alec made his League debut for Colchester in January 1983 and after many fine displays, Everton were prompted to pay £80,000 for his services in the summer of 1987. Unfortunately, due to the form of Welsh International Neville Southall, he did not manage a League appearance at Goodison Park but instead had a spell on loan at Tranmere. He signed for Luton in the summer of 1988 and secured first choice 'keeper at the latter end of 1988/89. He was ever present again last season.

STEVE WILLIAMS — The Town's record signing at £300,000 Williams brings with him to Kenil-

worth Road a wealth of experience gained playing for Southampton, Arsenal and England. He made his League debut for the Saints in 1975/76 and signed for Arsenal for £550,000 in 1984. Joined Luton in the summer of 1988 but has yet to find the form to hold down a consistent place in the team.

KINGSLEY BLACK — Hit the headlines with his performance in the Littlewoods Cup Final of 1988 which prompted both Billy Bingham and Bobby Robson to fight for his International services. He chose Northern Ireland and became a regular in the International side in 1988-89 which was also his first full term in the Luton first team. Last season he continued to develop and produce a two goal massive winning performance at Derby to keep Luton up in the First Division.

MARVIN JOHNSON — Another former member of the talented youth side. Wembley-born Johnson has appeared regularly in central defence where his exceptional pace marks him out as a man for the future. A popular player with the fans for all over style.

GRAHAM RODGER — Signed in 1989 from Coventry City where he had been an almost permanent understudy to Brian Kilcline and Trevor Peake. Glasgow born Rodger, is an England Under-21 International scored the Coventry winner against the Town at Highfield Road two seasons ago. He had terrible luck with injuries and missed virtually all of last season.

DAVE BEAUMONT — Another 1989 signing, from Dundee United, where he had been understudy to International pair David Narey and Paul Hegarty. Made his Luton debut in the Littlewoods Cup semi-final at Upton Park where his calm performance ensured that he remained ever present for the rest of the season. A former Scottish Under-21 International. David recovered from an ankle ligament to help guide Luton to safety last season.

RICHARD COOKE — Began his career at Tottenham scoring on his debut against the Town at Kenilworth Road in 1983. Found it difficult to obtain a regular place at White Hart Lane and after a spell at Birmingham on loan. Signed for Bournemouth in 1986/87 where he became an instant success. Signed for Luton just before the transfer deadline in 1989 for £140,000.

IAIN DOWIE — A prolific scorer for non-League Hendon from whom he was signed for £30,000 early in 1989. Before turning professional, Dowie was a Development Engineer with British Aerospace and is determined to make as big a success with his footballing career. Last season he progressed greatly and scored goals and also won a place in Billy Bingham's Northern Ireland International team.

DAVID PREECE — Born at Bridnorth on May 28th 1963. He was picked for England's "B" team in midfield. He was signed by Luton Town from Walsall for £150,000 in December 1984. He scored in his debut against Aston Villa. A busy left sided midfield player known for his accurate and imaginative passing.

LARS ELSTRUP — Danish International striker. Luton Town's record transfer signing in August 1989 from Odense, Denmark. A powerful goal scoring striker, Lars hit 6 goals in his first 12 International appearances for Denmark. He previously played for Ajax, Amsterdam. Luton paid a fee of approximately £650,000 for his services, but two cartilage operations last season held up his progress.

Luton Town



Back Row: Richard Cooke, Paul Gray, Marvin Johnson, Kurt Nogan, Richard Harvey, Jason Rees.
Middle Row: George Ley (coach), John Moore (coach), Julian James, Ceri Hughes, Iain Dowie, Andy Petterson, Alec Chamberlain, Graham Rodger, Darron McDonough, John Faulkner (Asst. Manager), Dave Galley (physio).
Front Row: David Beaumont, Tim Breaker, John Dreyer (Capt), Jim Ryan (Manager), David Preece, Kingsley Black, Lars Elstrup.

LUTON SURPRISE DUE TO HOME FORM

by Tony Pullein

Luton Town surprised a few people by establishing themselves in the top half of the First Division table during the first half of the season. It had been expected that the Hatters, strugglers for several years now, would once again have been slumping it among the strugglers.

Luton have become famous in modern times for their Houdini-style escape acts, but none can have compared with their remarkable escape completed at Derby on the closing day of last season.

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

The odds were still against Luton's survival when they went to Derby. Had Wednesday gained a point in their final game at home to Nottingham Forest, even a Luton win would not have been good enough.

As things turned out, Wednesday lost 0-3. And Luton pulled off a fabulous 3-2 win at Derby. Luton were saved because their goal difference was a mere two goals better than Wednesday's.

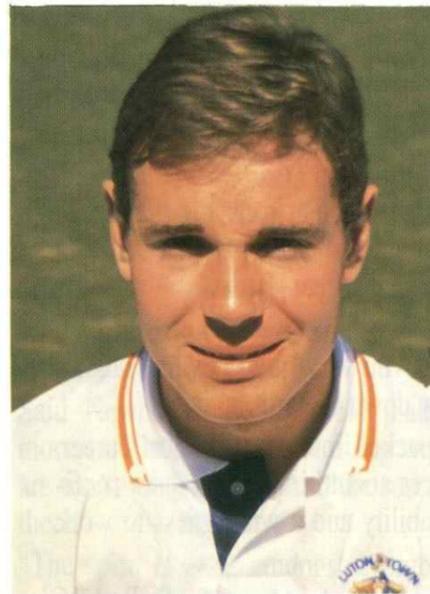
Jim Ryan, who took over as manager last January, was full of praise for the attitude of his players in pulling out of a near impossible situation and he decided to show his confidence by refraining from making any major signings during the close-season.

Apart from two very heavy defeats, at QPR and Liverpool, Luton have looked quite comfortable this season. Lars Elstrup, their Danish international striker, has now settled into League football and included a hat-trick among his first 10 goals of the season.

Fellow striker Iain Dowie, now a regular member of the N. Ireland squad, has also been on the mark quite consistently.

Luton's position is due largely to good home form. Their away performances have been far from impressive. They won at Southampton (2-1) and Norwich (3-1), they drew at Nottingham Forest (2-2) but they were beaten in all their other away League matches at Arsenal (1-2), QPR (1-6), Sunderland (0-2), Derby (1-2) and Liverpool (0-4).

The Hatters took an early exit from the Rumbelows League Cup. After drawing at Bradford City (1-1), the tie ended 2-2 on aggregate. Luton then lost 2-5 on penalties to the Third Division side.



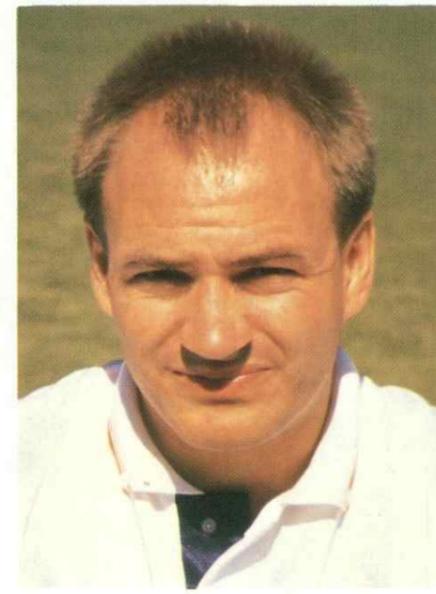
Kingsley Black.

KURT NOGAN — Born in Cardiff in September 1970. He signed as an apprentice in July 1987 and then turned professional in June 1989. He was picked for the Welsh International U-21 squad against Poland and scored one goal. He then made his first team debut for Luton against Liverpool in January 1990.

JASON REES — A midfielder player, who was born in Aberdare, Wales. Aged 20 and signed professional contracts from being an apprentice player to make his first team debut against Manchester United March 1990. He was picked for the Welsh U-21 squad.

CERI HUGHES — A midfielder player. Aged 19 and born in the Rhondda Valley, Wales. Signed as a professional player from being an apprentice in 1989, to make his first team debut against Aston Villa in March 1990. He was picked for the Welsh International U-21 side against Poland.

SEAN FARRELL — A 21-year-old striker who was born in Watford, Hertfordshire. Sean is a tall strapping old style centre forward with a good touch and great potential, but his career to date has been hampered by injuries. He returned from a year long absence with a knee ligament problem and has forced his way into the first team squad. He starred in the recent Guinness Soccer 6 which Luton won and shared the title of top goal scorer.



David Preece.

player profile



THIS IS THE YEAR FOR ME!

You may have thought that with the first team in free-scoring mood and picking up points left, right and centre, there would be a mood of depression amongst the reserve team strikers.

John Fashanu and Terry Gibson may have secured the first-choice striking berths with Alan Cork waiting in the wings, but for one young striker the future could not be brighter.

Aidan Newhouse is back to his lethal best after being blighted with a stomach injury since the start of the season, and is only now beginning to enjoy his football again.

"Fash and Gibbo have been playing really well recently and with Corky on the bench, it looks as if the door's closed for me at the moment.

"But I'm not particularly worried about that, I'm just pleased to be back in action after such a frustrating start to the season.

"I was really looking forward to this season, Bobby Gould had given me a taste of first team action last season and I felt I was ready to really stake a claim for a place.

"Then I picked up the injury and it took me months to even get back into full training let alone playing well. But now, at last, I'm 100 per cent, I feel sharp and I'm ready to really give it a push."

The one thing that strikes you very quickly when talking to Newhouse, is just how down to earth he is.

Considering what he's packed into such a short career, there are no airs and graces about him, only a quiet confidence about his natural ability and a willingness to work at his game.

For a teenager who was playing first team football at 16 and has also represented his country at Wembley, he sees

AIDAN NEWHOUSE

no stigma in learning his trade in reserve team football.

"The reserves is the best place to gain experience. A lot of young players get thrown into First Division football at a very early age and it can do them a lot of harm.

"They lose confidence if they don't play well every game and that can affect them for a long time," claimed Newhouse.

"I'm pleased that I've been given the chance of First Division football, but I know that I've got time on my side and if I don't make an impression straight away, then there will be another chance.

"Ray Harford has said that he will throw me into matches to get experience and then I'll be dragged out again to put what I've learnt into practice in the reserves.

"That suits me fine because I don't think any player gets a real feel for the game until he's 20 or 21.

"Dean Blackwell is the perfect example of that. He's been around Wimbledon since he was a kid, has done well in the reserves and was given a few matches in the first team to gain experience.

"And when the time came for him to step into the first team on a kind of permanent basis, he took the opportunity and has done really well."

While Blackwell serves as an inspiration, Newhouse can take heart from the new philosophy burning at Plough Lane which takes its lead from the Liverpool way of doing things.

Bobby Gould was always a firm believer in not expecting too much too soon from players, especially players not schooled in the Wimbledon way of life.

And it appears that Ray Harford will be operating in exactly the same vein. He has made it quite clear that he won't risk burning out young talent just for the sake of it. That's why Newhouse is content to bide his time in Joe Kinnear's reserve side, and why not when they're on a tremendous high at the moment.

Scaling the heights of the Ovenden Combination may not be the pinnacle of every professional's dream, but at the moment it's great fun.

Said Newhouse, "The whole place is buzzing at the moment. The first team are doing well and the youth team are top of their League and the reserves are also right up there.

"The spirit is great amongst everybody, it suddenly just seemed to click into place and that makes playing all the more enjoyable.

"Playing well and winning is what it's all about really. Obviously you want to do as well for yourself as possible and if you're playing in a winning side that's performing consistently week-in and week-out, then all the better."

And while a first team place – and a permanent one at that – is the ultimate ambition for Newhouse, there are other things on the horizon.

England Youth play in the World Championships this season, and the talented youngster is hoping for a place in the squad.

"There haven't been many games for my age group recently, but there are some matches coming up soon and I want to play in all of those.

"If I do well, it will probably mean a place in the squad for the Championships come the summer which is something to look forward to and if I've got a first team place by then, all the better!"



action Arsenal

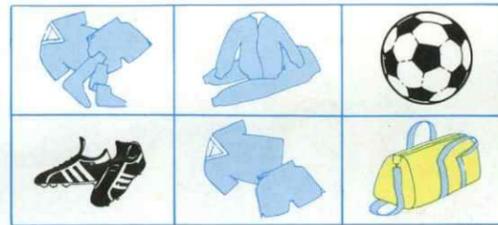


Detzi Kruszynski heads the Dons' opening goal at Highbury . . .



. . . and the Dons' recovery is under way as Paul McGee waits to congratulate scorer Detzi Kruszynski.

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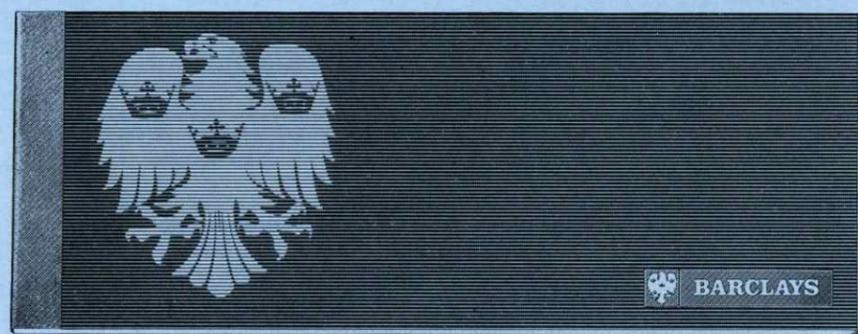
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COMING SOON

YOUTH TEAM SEASON ROUND UP

It's been a superb start to the season for Wimbledon's Youth Team, with just two defeats so far and they've equalled the club record of 15 straight wins. More than 80 goals have been notched up and Leighton Allen leads the scorers table with more than 20 of them.

In contrast to senior squad members the juniors have been comparatively injury-free although a bout of flu disrupted the camp in November. Jamie McCarthy finally returned to training after a three week absence. Mid-fielder Stewart Castledine believes the team's success will continue throughout 1991. "There's no reason why it shouldn't mainly because we're so confident and adaptable."

The sweeper system, so successfully employed, will still feature from time to time, but manager Terry Burton is keen to ensure his boys can switch to any formation.

Younger players like Craig Orris, Michael Roots, Geoff Taylor, Barry Laker and Giles Marchant will feature more in the team line-up as second year apprentices Castledine, Neil Ardley, McCarthy and Chris Perry push on to the reserves.

The emergence of Allen and Grant Payne as a striking partnership has been formidable and is still gaining momentum.

Central defence is impressively led by Perry, as brave with defensive heading as he is capable of scoring great goals. Peter Fear has been magnificent in his sweeper role and eases into the back four when required. Tim Alexander has gained in confidence with every game and also puts his name on the scoresheet from time to time.

Many of the squad – most notably the younger players – have immeasurably boosted their fitness and mobility by extra training on Monday nights with Jenny Archer.

Jenny is shortening Neil Ardley's stride to give him that elusive extra yard of pace. It is Neil's goal at Leyton Orient in the first round of the League Cup that has lingered in Jenny's mind so far. "I shall never forget it, he saw the space and chipped the keeper from 35 yards, unbelievable", she said.

Jamie McCarthy's stunning free kick against Southampton in the replay of the second round of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup is Jenny's other favourite goal, but she is always anxious they do well.

Despite the shock defeat of that game the team bounced back in true Wimbledon fashion and that remains their only defeat.

Southampton were the first game opponents this season and most of the team agreed the 2-1 victory set the tone for the rest of the season – let's hope it continues.

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Saturday December 15, 1990
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Team: Segers, Joseph, Phelan, Barton, Blackwell, Curle, McGee (Cork), Kruszynski, Fashanu, Scales, Gibson.

Summary: A marvellously spirited performance from the Dons after falling two goals behind to an Arsenal team in mean mood.

It looked all over and done with for Wimbledon when Merson and Adams scored within four minutes of each other in a first-half blitz.

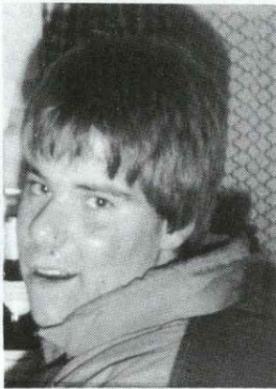
But Wimbledon showed that they may have changed their style but the old spirit is still there. Detzi Kruszynski pulled one back on the stroke of half-time to give them new hope.

The second-half saw the Dons pin Arsenal back in their own half with the familiar long ball, but it certainly proved effective even if they did have to wait until the last minute of injury time.

Keith Curle pumped a 'hail Mary' free kick into the Arsenal six-yard box, John Fashanu jumped with David Seaman, the ball ended up in the net and Wimbledon went crazy.

"It was like a cup tie out there, fast, hectic but very entertaining. I was a bit sorry that we played the ball too long at times, but it got us a result we deserved because I thought we bossed the second half." — Ray Harford.

TODAY'S MASCOT



SAM TEBBOTH

Today's mascot is Sam Tebboth. He is fifteen years old and attends Lord Mayor Trelle College. Sam Attends all of Wimbledon's home matches and as many 'aways' as possible. He hasn't got a favourite player. Sam just thinks all the Wimbledon team are great.

Daily Mail, Monday, December 17, 1990

Advantage Wimbledon after Groves is called for offside

By BRIAN SCOVELL

GEORGE GRAHAM called for more consistency in the offside law after claiming a referee's decision led to the goal that cost his team two points.

Arsenal's title challenge was damaged by a controversial decision in the third minute of injury time. As Wimbledon goalkeeper Hans Segers advanced to get again from the penalty area and his defenders ran away into Arsenal's half, Perry Groves could be seen straddling in their wake.

"He was running back towards his own goal," insisted Graham, "how can that be seen as seeking to gain an advantage? Sometimes they are allowed to play on and other times they are not. There is a need for consistency."

Referee Martin Bodenham decided Groves was interfering and instead of an innocuous long boot from the goalkeeper, which Keith Curle sent to the edge of Arsenal's goal area and then into the goal for the equaliser.

Argument

John Fashanu, reputed to be earning more than £1,000 a goal, claimed it was his touch that sent the ball into the net.

"If you are in an offside position then that should be it," said Alan Smith who was in the goal.

Graham withheld Paul Merson to a deep position on the right to counter what he called Wimbledon's "use of the offside tactic to the extreme."

But often Merson, though timing his runs perfectly, found himself denied because the flag was raised as either Groves or Alan Smith ran back into their own half.

Conceded

Graham reckoned this was the best his team have played against Wimbledon at home, though it was still short of championship form. But a deep-sided Wimbledon side, which conceded no bookings and only a handful of fouls, was harder to beat than ever.

ANARDEL: Merson (21 min), Adams (25), WIMBLEDON: Kruszynski, 151, Fashanu 100.



WIMBLEDON goalkeeper Hans Segers punches clear from Arsenal's marauding Alan Smith.

Fashanu 'goal' gives Arsenal title headache

By James Mossop

WHO scored the goal that advanced Highbury deep into injury time and decided another two points from Arsenal's championship challenge?

"I don't know," said the Arsenal's manager, Ray Harford, who had been watching the goal from the touchline. "I was in a bit of a daze when I saw the ball go in. I don't know who scored it."

Fashanu, who had been playing the ball long, was the only player who had been in the goalmouth when the ball went in.

Harford said he was not sure if Fashanu had scored the goal, but he was sure it was a goal.

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Where are they now?

TERRY BOYLE Wimbledon '81 (Loan from Bristol City) now at Merthyr Tydfil (Vauxhall Conference) 5 appearances for Wimbledon (Defender).

PHIL HANDFORD From Gillingham now at Welling United (Vauxhall Conference) 7 appearances '84/'86.

FRAN COWLEY Came from Derby with Alan Cork, 5 full appearances, 3 others as substitute in '78/'79 went on to Tooting & Mitcham now at East Thurrock United (Essex Senior League) (Midfield).



Andy Clement

ANDY CLEMENT Left more recently. Now playing with Woking in the side that beat Merthyr Tydfil 5-1 in FA Cup 2nd Round.

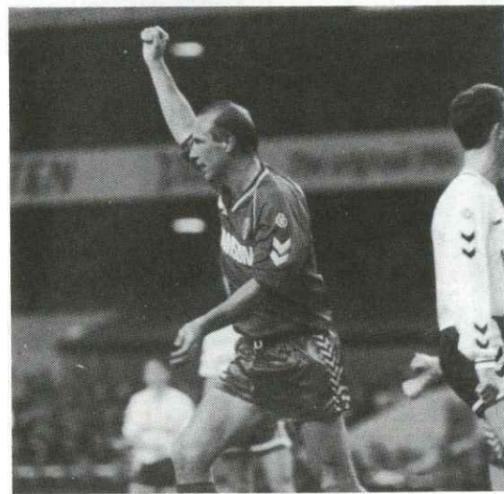
PHIL DRIVER at Wimbledon '78/'80 and 83/85 9 full appearances 11 others as substitute. Unfortunately career affected by injury. Now assistant manager/coach at Roxton Town (Vauxhall Div 2 North) (Winger).

TERRY EAMES Wimbledon '76/'79 46 appearances and 1 as substitute now coach at Molesey (Vauxhall Div 1).

And in the meantime Alan Cork goes marching on!

Still Waiting
Today could be the day that Alan Cork finally chalks up that elusive milestone of 400 League & Cup appearances for the Dons.

The table opposite does not include Friendlies or Full Members Cup or Zenith Cup matches.



	APPEARANCES (SUB)			GOALS		
	League	Cup	FA Cup	Lge Cup	FA Cup	FA Cup
1977/78	17	—	—	4	—	—
1978/79	45	3	5	22	1	2
1979/80	41 (+1)	5	5	12	1	—
1980/81	41	4	5	23	1	2
1981/82	6	2	—	—	1	—
1982/83	7	—	—	5	—	—
1983/84	41 (+1)	6	2	29	2	2
1984/85	26 (+2)	1	5	11	—	—
1985/86	36 (+2)	3	1	11	4	—
1986/87	22(+10)	1	0 (+3)	5	2	—
1987/88	28 (+7)	2 (+1)	5 (+1)	9	2	1
1988/89	9(+16)	2 (+2)	1 (+1)	1	—	—
1989/90	12(+19)	0 (+1)	0 (+1)	5	—	—
1990/91	7 (+6)	1 (+1)	—	2	—	—
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RESERVES ROUND UP

Wimbledon's reserve team start the second half of the season hoping to carry on where they left off and close the three-point gap over Ovenden Combination league-leaders, Tottenham.

Reserves boss, Joe Kinnear said: "It's been a wonderful first half of the season and the team have never lost enthusiasm. 'We've won 12 and been beaten in three games out of 18.

"We have the best defensive record, we conceded only 14 goals and have kept ten clean sheets.

"With Bobby Gould leaving and Ray Harford taking over, the club now has the opportunity to branch out in different directions.

"There is always danger, but I believe we will go onto great triumphs.

"I'm hoping the team will continue their very good start to the season, patience and belief are what are required."

The team has been a springboard for injured first team regulars who are being nursed back to strength, most notably Terry Gibson, Vaughan Ryan, Aidan Newhouse, Micky Bennett and Steve Anthrobus.

Paul McGee and Dean Blackwell have graduated with honours from the reserves to the first team, latter showing quite astonishing progress.

Mark Quamina has returned to the Lane in promising style, after his spell playing Scandinavian football.

Gary Elkins has become an integral part of the defence at left-back and when he

stood in for Phelan against Chelsea he gave an impressive performance.

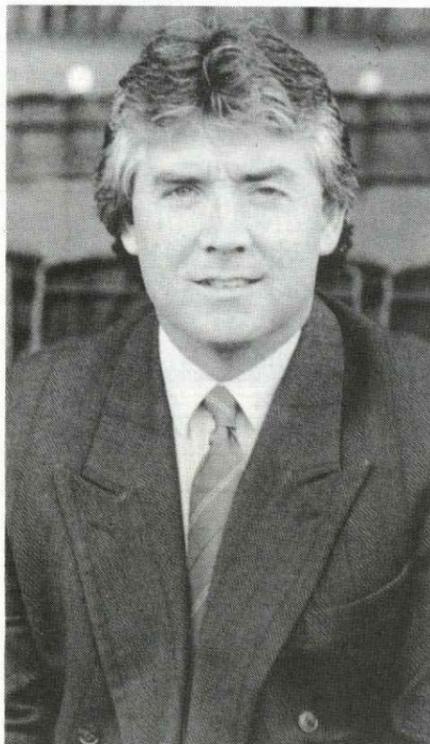
Youth team centre-half Chris Perry made an excellent reserves debut recently against Luton and Neil Ardley and Stewart Castledine are amongst the other juniors who will be challenging for senior games this year.

But Joe pointed out that the juniors always take second place to his job of getting the injured seniors back to full fitness and bringing on the existing team members.

"All of them have to put in a little bit extra to achieve their ambition.

"One question we ask the players, is have they asked themselves, 'am I happy with my progress so far'. If not, they must push harder."

QPR are the hosts for the first match since the Christmas break, a rest Joe felt the players would only benefit from and come back fighting for the league title.



JOE KINNEAR

Two excellent performances have taken the reserves into a well-earned Christmas break, and they'll return determined to close the three point gap which separates them from Ovenden Combination league leaders, Tottenham Hotspur.

Reserves captain Scott Fitzgerald was suddenly struck down with flu last Saturday and youth centre-half Chris Perry was nabbed as his replacement, although it meant missing the juniors' cup game against Watford.

"Perry had an excellent game, as did the whole team," said Joe Kinnear.

"Not one of them was an average player, everyone performed to their maximum

—and that's not easy on a plastic pitch.

"I made Quamina captain and he was superb. Vaughan Ryan had his best game of the season so far.

"The winning goal came from Carlton Fairweather and a set piece.

"Mickey Bennett's corner bent into the near post and Carlton flicked it into the net.

"We were far superior in the second half although I must admit it was even-stevens in the first.

Team: Sullivan, Dobbs, Quamina, Ryan, Pearson, Perry, Newhouse, Bennett, Cooper, Anthrobus, Fairweather.

OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION (up to and including 15.12.90)

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Wimbledon	18	12	3	3	30	14	39
Chelsea	16	10	0	6	32	19	30
Luton Town	18	9	3	6	36	27	30
Millwall	17	7	6	4	42	23	27
Norwich City	17	7	6	4	29	20	27
Arsenal	16	8	3	5	27	20	27
Portsmouth	17	7	6	4	26	19	27
Southampton	18	7	4	7	26	34	25
Crystal Palace	15	6	5	4	29	20	23
Swindon Town	18	6	5	7	31	30	23
Charlton Athletic	17	6	4	7	25	25	22
Q.P.R.	18	5	6	7	28	32	21
West Ham United	16	6	1	9	19	33	19
Brighton & Hove	16	5	3	8	21	29	18
Ipswich Town	18	4	5	9	20	29	17
Oxford United	15	4	3	8	22	25	15
Watford	15	4	3	8	17	35	15
Fulham	17	4	3	10	19	38	15
Reading	20	3	3	14	14	43	12

OVENDEN PAPERS FOOTBALL COMBINATION Fixtures 1990/91 Season

Aug. 28	Millwall	.....	2-3
Sep. 5	Swindon Town	.....	0-0
Sep. 11	Queens Park Rangers	.....	3-1
Sep. 19	Oxford United	.....	3-2
Sep. 25	Tottenham Hotspur	.....	1-2
Oct. 3	Fulham	.....	5-1
Oct. 6	Luton Town	.....	1-0
Oct. 9	Charlton Athletic	.....	2-0
Oct. 12	Norwich City	.....	1-0
Oct. 16	Chelsea	.....	1-0
Oct. 23	West Ham United	.....	3-0
Nov. 6	Oxford United	.....	1-0
Nov. 14	Fulham	.....	0-3
Nov. 20	Portsmouth	.....	1-1
Nov. 28	Reading	.....	3-0
Dec. 4	Chelsea	.....	1-0
Dec. 8	Southampton	.....	1-1
Dec. 15	Luton Town	.....	1-0
Dec. 29	Crystal Palace	.....	3.00
Jan. 8	Queens Park Rangers	.....	2.00
Jan. 15	Watford	.....	7.30
Jan. 19	Ipswich Town	.....	2.00
Jan. 28	Millwall	.....	2.00
Feb. 5	Reading	.....	7.30
Feb. 9	Portsmouth	.....	2.00
Feb. 20	Brighton & Hove Albion	.....	7.15
Feb. 26	Charlton Athletic	.....	7.30
Mar. 5	Ipswich Town	.....	7.30
Mar. 9	Tottenham Hotspur	.....	2.00
Mar. 19	Brighton & Hove Albion	.....	7.30
Mar. 26	Norwich City	.....	7.30
Apr. 4	West Ham United	.....	7.00
Apr. 6	Arsenal	.....	3.00
Apr. 9	Watford	.....	7.30
Apr. 16	Southampton	7.30
Apr. 27	Arsenal	3.00
Apr. 30	Swindon Town	7.30
May 8	Crystal Palace	7.30

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DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	CROWD	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
Aug. 25	Arsenal	0-3	13,733	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Barton	Scales	Curle	Cork	Miller	Fashanu	Sanchez	Fairweather	Kruszynski(8)	Blackwell(4)
29	Queens Park Rangers	1-0	9,762	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Barton	Scales	Curle	Gayle	Kruszynski	Fashanu	Sanchez	McGee	Blackwell(7)	Cork
Sept. 1	Derby County	1-1	12,469	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Barton	Scales	Curle	Gayle	Kruszynski	Fashanu	Sanchez	Cotterill	Blackwell(11)	Cork(8)
8	Liverpool	1-2	12,364	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Barton	Scales	Curle	Gayle	Kruszynski	Fashanu	Sanchez	Cotterill	Blackwell(8)	Cork(11)
15	Coventry City	0-0	8,925	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Barton	Scales	Curle	Gayle	Kruszynski	Fashanu	Sanchez	Cotterill	Blackwell	Cork(9)
22	Sunderland	2-2	6,053	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Barton	Scales	Curle	Gayle	Kruszynski	Fashanu	Sanchez	Fairweather	Bennett(9)	Cork(11)
29	Manchester City	1-1	6,158	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Barton	Blackwell	Curle	Gayle	Kruszynski	Cork	Sanchez	Cotterill	McAllister	McGee(11)
Oct. 6	Sheffield United	2-1	17,651	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Barton	Blackwell	Curle	Gayle	Kruszynski	Cork	Sanchez	Fairweather	Fashanu	McGee
20	Aston Villa	0-0	6,946	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Barton	Blackwell	Curle	McGee	Kruszynski	Fashanu	Scales	Cork	Newhouse(11)	Fairweather(3)
27	Crystal Palace	3-4	16,778	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Barton	Blackwell	Curle	McGee	Kruszynski	Fashanu	Scales	Cork	Fairweather(3)	Sanchez(11)
Nov. 3	Southampton	*1-1	5,485	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Barton	Blackwell	Curle	McGee	Kruszynski	Fashanu	Scales	Newhouse	Gibson(11)	Cork
10	Tottenham Hotspur	2-4	28,769	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Barton	Blackwell	Curle	McGee	Kruszynski	Gibson	Scales	Cork	Newhouse(4)	Sanchez(3)
17	Chelsea	*2-1	10,773	Segers	Joseph	Elkins	Barton	Blackwell	Curle	McGee	Kruszynski	Gibson	Scales	Cork	Newhouse(9)	Sanchez(7)
24	Everton	2-1	6,411	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Barton	Blackwell	Curle	McGee	Kruszynski	Fashanu	Scales	Gibson	Sanchez(3)	Cork(11)
Dec. 1	Norwich City	4-0	12,324	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Barton	Blackwell	Curle	McGee	Kruszynski	Fashanu	Scales	Gibson	Sanchez(8)	Cork
8	Queens Park Rangers	3-0	5,358	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Barton	Blackwell	Curle	McGee	Kruszynski	Fashanu	Scales	Gibson	Sanchez	Cork
15	Arsenal	2-2	30,163	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Barton	Blackwell	Curle	McGee	Kruszynski	Fashanu	Scales	Gibson	Cork(7)	Sanchez
22	Manchester United	1-3	9,744	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Barton	Blackwell	Curle	McGee	Kruszynski	Fashanu	Scales	Gibson	Cork	Sanchez(5)
26	Nottingham Forest	1-2	16,221	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Barton	Blackwell	Curle	McGee	Kruszynski	Fashanu	Scales	Gibson	Elkins	Cork(11)
29	Leeds United															
Jan. 1	Luton Town															
12	Derby County															
19	Liverpool															
Feb. 2	Coventry City															
9	Sunderland															
16	Chelsea															
23	Tottenham Hotspur															
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6	Leeds United															
13	Luton Town															
20	Aston Villa															
May 4	Crystal Palace															
11	Southampton															
FA CUP																
Jan. 5	Aston Villa (3R)															
26	Fourth Round															
Feb. 16	Fifth Round															
Mar. 9	Sixth Round															
Apr. 13	Semi-Final															
May 18	Final															
RUMBELAWS LEAGUE CUP																
Sept. 25	Plymouth Argyle (2R 1L)	0-1	4,506	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Barton	Scales	Curle	Fairweather	Kruszynski	Gayle	Sanchez	Cotterill	Cork(9)	Blackwell
Oct. 10	Plymouth Argyle (2R 2L)	0-2	3,473	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Barton	Blackwell	Curle	Gayle	Kruszynski	Fashanu	Cork	Fairweather	McGee(11)	Newhouse(7)
ZENITH DATA SYSTEMS CUP																
Dec. 12	Ipswich Town	0-2	1,950	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Barton	Blackwell	Curle	McGee	Kruszynski	Cork	Sanchez	Bennett	Newhouse(7)	Elkins(11)

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FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS 1990/91

Name	Appearances	Goals
	Lge. Cup	Lge. Cup
Barton	19 3	2 —
Bennett	—(1) 1	— —
Blackwell	13(4) 2	— —
Cork	7(7) 2(1)	2 —
Cotterill	4 1	1 —
Curle	19 3	— —
Elkins	1 —(1)	— —
Fairweather	3(2) 2	1 —
Fashanu	15(1) 1	10 —
Gayle	7 2	1 —
Gibson	8(1) —	2 —
Joseph	19 3	— —
Kruszynski	18(1) 3	2 —
McGee	12(1) 1(1)	4 —
Miller	1 —	— —
Newhouse	1(3) —(2)	— —
Phelan	18 3	— —
Sanchez	8(6) 2	— —
Scales	17 1	2 —
Segers	19 3	— —

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
(League positions up to 26th December 1990)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	18	8	1	0	23	5	6	2	1	15	10	45
Arsenal*	19	7	2	0	21	4	5	5	0	15	5	41
Crystal Palace	19	6	3	0	15	9	5	3	2	15	9	39
Leeds United	19	6	2	2	21	10	4	4	1	12	8	36
Tottenham	19	7	2	1	25	13	2	4	3	8	9	33
Manchester Utd*	19	6	1	3	18	9	3	4	2	11	12	31
Chelsea	19	6	4	0	17	11	2	1	6	16	24	29
Manchester City	18	6	1	2	16	12	0	7	2	11	14	26
Norwich City	19	6	1	3	16	15	2	1	6	8	16	26
Wimbledon	19	3	4	3	13	14	3	3	3	16	14	25
Nottm Forest	18	4	2	2	14	10	2	4	4	12	16	24
Luton Town	19	3	4	2	9	7	2	1	7	11	23	20
Aston Villa	18	3	5	0	11	6	1	2	7	6	13	19
Southampton	19	4	2	3	15	12	1	2	7	11	24	19
Everton	19	4	3	3	14	9	0	3	6	6	15	18
Coventry City	19	3	4	3	14	12	1	1	7	4	12	17
Derby County	18	2	5	3	12	16	2	0	6	5	16	17
Sunderland	19	2	4	4	9	10	1	2	6	12	19	15
Q.P.R.	19	2	2	5	12	13	1	3	6	11	23	14
Sheffield United	18	1	2	5	6	13	1	2	7	5	19	10

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