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BOBBY CAMPBELL



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grass

“WHILE welcoming everyone from Luton Town to Stamford Bridge this evening, I must say that I won't be shedding any tears if Chelsea don't have to play again on the artificial surface at Kenilworth Road.

Artificial pitches are very good for teaching purposes ... not for playing professional football on.

I don't criticise Queens Park Rangers, who had an artificial surface when I worked there, or Luton for experimenting with the idea of playing on plastic.

It was worth a try. If we did not experiment on all fronts in life we could all still be living in caves.

But I wasn't sorry when Rangers switched back to grass — and I won't miss the Kenilworth Road surface when it goes.

My considered view is that no professional sport should be played on an artificial surface. In football, it does not give a true assessment of the game or the players.

Tennis is the best example. Nothing touches the grass courts at Wimbledon. They are acknowledged as the tops; the place is the Mecca for tennis players. Much more suitable for true tennis than clay or other surfaces.

As I have said, artificial surfaces should be used for teaching purposes. All county councils and councils should have them for the benefit of youngsters and amateurs. They are ideal for community use and, with lights, can be utilised every hour of the day.

The artificial surface encourages control and passing ability in football but, at the end of the day, it is an entirely different game. Clubs have to adjust to playing a different type of game on the plastic.

Fine for teaching. Fine for training on occasionally. But, for my money, not right for pro. football.

The artificial surface does not provide the spectacle that the average football supporter pays good money to watch. It is a different style — not the style I, and I am sure the majority in football, want to see.”

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News & Views

WHAT ABOUT LAST MARCH!

CHELSEA'S record in the Zenith Data System Cup (formerly the Full Members and the Simod) looks good: Played 21, Won 17, Lost 4, Goals for 49, Goals against 33.

It is odd that last season's win against Middlesbrough at Wembley does not rate an honourable mention in the Press. The reports after the sensational Rumbelows Cup quarter-final replay win at Tottenham suggested it is 20 years since Chelsea won a trophy. There were 76,369 people at Wembley last March 25 who might argue the point.

I did try to point out, tongue in cheek, that the Blues had won the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup the past two seasons... but do you think anyone was listening?

Chelsea now play Sheffield Wednesday in the Rumbelows semi-final this Sunday at noon. The winners tonight meet either Brighton and Hove Albion or Crystal Palace in the Southern Section semi-final of the ZDS trophy.

HAPPY OXFORD FAN

THERE are more brickbats than bouquets in the programme-writing game, so I am only too pleased to hear from 21-year-old Oxford United supporter Paul Evans: "I have visited many away grounds over the years but have never come across such standard of facts and detail about the away side like that in your programme. THERE WERE A FEW THINGS ABOUT OXFORD PAST AND PRESENT I DID NOT KNOW MYSELF."

Well done, the Reg Hayter team that does the graft. Their efforts were obviously to the Manor born!

PAYING GUEST

ALEXANDER MATVEYEV is a 35-year-old Russian fan of Chelsea currently on a two-to-three month stay in London.

He writes and speaks perfect English (he has had three letters published in *Bridge News*) and has an incredible knowledge of English football and Chelsea in particular.



WHO is the man with the most records in the Chelsea squad? It has to be Jason Cundy (above).

When Clubcall's Neil Barnett wanted their greatest records from Graham Stuart, Kevin Hitchcock and Peter Nicholas for his "Count-down to Kick-off" feature, he had to go to Jason to get them from his selection.

Hope you've got "Singing the Blues" for later in the season, Jason.

Unlucky Jason set some sort of unwanted record of his own with successive own goals against Luton and Everton.

If any supporter, preferably in the London area, can accommodate him for short periods (one or two weeks), please contact Nick Porter, 38 Onslow Gardens, SW7 3PY. Alexander would, of course, be willing to pay.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY. If anyone tells you that Chelsea are playing in a "Mickey Mouse competition", you can reply that Mickey has been going strong at the top for more than 50 years.

Here endeth the lesson.



EDITED BY DENNIS SIGNY

JASON'S SISTER PLAYS TOO

INTRODUCING... the other Cundy, Jason's 18-year-old sister Victoria.

She will be at Stamford Bridge tonight supporting big brother "J" — that's what she calls him — and the other Chelsea lads.

In fact, Victoria is such a supporter that she has recently given up county hockey to watch the Blues on a Saturday. Her team is Cheam Ladies and she is a Surrey representative player.

More interestingly, though, Victoria is following in Jason's footsteps as a footballer. She joined the Friends of Fulham team this season — they play on a Sunday — and was only ruled out of being substitute for their recent women's FA Cup fifth round tie against Cleveland by an injury she sustained in a friendly against Red Star Southampton.

Victoria can keep her end going in soccer conversation at the Cundy home. She began playing when she was ten, although she gave up for a time to concentrate on her hockey and netball. She is at college at the moment, hoping for a diploma in leisure studies.

Victoria, who has watched Jason in his graduation from youth and reserve ranks to the first team, reckons his best game was his first, at Queens Park Rangers last September.

She was away in Spain when manager Bobby Campbell gave Jason his debut, but watched the video of the game and reckoned he was outstanding once he got over his initial nervousness.

Nerves? You learn something new each day.

CLAIM DROPPED!

JASON has a score to settle tonight, by the way. He was credited with Luton's first goal in the League match at Kenilworth Road on December 29... ironically, his 13th appearance in the Chelsea first team.

There is a story to go with the goal. David Preece sent a free kick into the Chelsea penalty area and the ball skidded off Jason's head past Dave Beasant.

At the Press conference afterwards, Luton manager Jim Ryan was asked for his version. He said Luton striker Sean Farrell reckoned he had a touch and was claiming a League debut goal.

Brian Swain, Luton's authoritative Press man, promptly pointed out that the referee had awarded an indirect free kick — and Ryan changed tune and said it was a Cundy own goal.

WELCOME TO ...

Todd Robert Dorigo

A BELATED WELCOME to Todd Robert Dorigo, Tony and Heather's second son.

Todd was born on January 3 and weighed in at a healthy 7lb 5oz. He is a brother for Luke, now 2½. What nationalities are the boys? Dad comes from Melbourne; Mum is an Oswestry girl. They met in Birmingham when Tony was an Aston Villa player.

"They can get Australian citizenship" is the official Dorigo family verdict. They could play for England, too, if they inherit Dad's soccer skills.

Todd, by the way, is a name both Tony and Heather like. Middle name Robert is after Dad — Anthony Robert Dorigo.

Tony has celebrated Todd's arrival with a new shorn-locks haircut. "He had it all chopped off before when Luke was born," says Heather. "Maybe it is something to do with becoming a Dad."

WELCOME TO ...

Lauren Amy Hitchcock

PROUD DAD NO 2 is Kevin Hitchcock, currently on loan at Northampton Town. Wife Fiona presented him with Lauren Amy last month, a 7lb 13oz bundle of joy.

Kevin is enjoying first-team football at Northampton, even if their Fourth Division promotion challenge has stuttered slightly of late. "It was good of manager Bobby Campbell to give me the chance to play League football," he said.

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BLUES

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THE opening of Chelsea's defence of the Zenith Data Systems Cup . . . David Lee (below) and Gordon Durie (right) beat the opposition but it was Dennis Wise's penalty (bottom right) that secured victory.



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Ken Bates

LATE last year the Home Affairs Committee of the House of Commons held an inquiry into all aspects of policing soccer and invited representations from all interested parties.

They have just published their findings and on the whole it is pretty supportive of soccer and is a further welcome sign of a more positive attitude by the political establishment towards the national game.

Although there are four pages of summarised recommendations, the meat of the report falls into four areas as follows:

1. It is felt that there is a strong need for an independent body to act as a sort of referee between the various factions — clubs, police, local authorities and the Government. The newly established Football Licensing Authority could play this role, given more teeth. I would certainly welcome that. At the present time there is no independent voice of reason that football can appeal to against the established power and views of the other parties.

Having met the FLA chairman, Mr Norman Jacobs, I feel that he is a man of strong independent mind who will do an excellent job. Too often these kind of bodies are headed by totally unsatisfactory nominations, but whichever civil servant came up with Mr Jacobs is to be congratulated. He has already indicated that he intends to

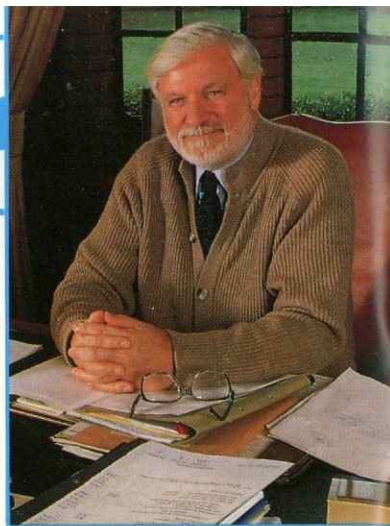
use a stick and carrot approach whilst using commonsense and discretion in approaching individual problems.

2. The disappointing part of the report is that relating to finance. Strange how that part is rather vague and a bit thin on the ground. It makes no proposals other than that the Pools Betting Duty could be reduced further and an "imaginative and vigorous campaign" be undertaken by football to ensure the money is raised and all ground facilities improved to the level of the best. Not much there really.

Our latest costings for Chelsea are coming out at something over £30 million for our new 40,000 plus all-seater stadium and £2 million from the Pools Betting Duty, although welcome, won't go very far.

3. The report dwells at some length on the relationship between the police and supporters, particularly away supporters. No doubt for very good reason, the Committee does not go into detail but there is a very clear signal that it is aware that at some grounds, there are some policemen who are ready to assume the worst of all football supporters, and in some cases treat them accordingly.

There is a need for greater liaison between the police and ordinary supporters to enable a dialogue to ensue. On the other hand, it has not gone unnoticed that



Picture by Martin Black, courtesy of YOU Magazine, The Mail on Sunday.

people who are very quick to complain of police tactics and behaviour are sometimes the very same who create problems for the police. However, discussions between reasonable people can only lead to better understanding.

For my part I must say that following a meeting at New Scotland Yard held last autumn, I had a much clearer perception of police objectives, their fears and worries and what lay behind some of their attitudes and actions.

4. The final main area of the report deals in some detail with the vexed question of charges for police services and here there is a refreshingly different attitude to that which is currently held.

Briefly, football should not be charged for policing the Queen's Highway. Charges inside grounds shall be on a consistent basis throughout the country. The basis of police charges should be re-examined. What are police

costs? I have long maintained that running a police force is similar to running a soccer club — most costs are fixed, whether you play/work or not. Therefore there is only a marginal extra cost for actual operations and that is what should be charged to the clubs. The committee agrees with that view and makes its recommendations accordingly.

However, the debate about police charges opens up a wider debate. One major argument by the anti-soccer lobby is why should the general ratepayers pay for people's private interests. The first thing that lobby should know — because they don't — is that what Chelsea pay does not return to the local poll tax payer it goes straight to the Home Office and disappears like water in the desert sand. More importantly, if their argument is valid, let us extend it. Why should childless people pay for child benefit and education? If people buy their books from W H Smith, why should they contribute to public libraries and why should people buying their own houses subsidise council rents? Truly a terrible minefield and one we should both avoid.

Both central and local taxation provide the funds so that

the citizens of this country may have a secure and peaceful life, free to go about their business and enjoy their leisure pursuits. If this includes subsidising art, opera, theatre, sport — including soccer — so be it. Once we start being selective however, we go down a very dangerous path.

IN THIS, the last sixteen of the Zenith Data Systems Cup, we welcome Luton Town. Lest anyone underestimate this unfashionable club just north of London, let us look at their records. Post-war they were a joke, just above Leyton Orient at the bottom of the League. However, FA Cup finalists, Full Members Cup finalists, Littlewoods Cup winners, Second Division champions and current Guinness 'Soccer 6' champions — oh, and they beat us last December in the League.

From the above it is clear that Chelsea will treat the Hatters with the respect they deserve and a victory will be a real achievement.

This summer they are replacing the plastic with grass, hopefully away supporters will be officially welcome and Luton Town will once again be a welcoming, totally supportive member of the League.

Enjoy the game.

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PERSONALITY SPOT

DANISH international Lars Elstrup looked destined to become Luton's most expensive failure after he signed in August 1989.

The £650,000 buy from Odense in August 1989 was a calculated gamble by then manager Ray Harford. Elstrup was snapped up as cover for Kenilworth Road favourites Mick Harford and Roy Wegerle — but the plan backfired.

Elstrup had made an impression on Harford two months before the transfer when he scored Denmark's goal in a 1-1 draw with England in Copenhagen.

It had been a tough decision for Elstrup to leave his native country. The flying Dane, born in Roby, was enormously popular at home since his early days with local side Fjorden.

From there he moved to Randers, Brøndby, Dutch giants Feyenoord and then back home to Odense.

He scored twice against arch-rivals Sweden on his international debut and when the sides met again a year later, he repeated the feat.

INJURIES

But the Dane, who was 26 when he arrived on these shores, had a terribly unlucky first season. Because of a series of cartilage injuries, he made only 26 appearances in all competitions, ten of them from the bench.

When Harford and Wegerle both left (for Derby and QPR, respectively), Elstrup was more often than not on the treatment table than on the pitch as Luton plummeted towards the Second Division.

Luton escaped by winning their final three League matches and Elstrup was hoping for a less frustrating time this season.

He went into this season fully fit and with added responsibility as one of Luton's senior professionals. During the summer, the experienced Tim Breacker, Mick Kennedy and Danny Wilson had all left for pastures new

LARS ELSTRUP

The Dane who keeps on scoring

By **STEPHEN DAVIES**

which meant the youngsters about to be called up by Jim Ryan, needed guidance.

Elstrup led from the front, scoring both goals in a 2-1 win at Southampton and followed that a few weeks later with a hat-trick against Derby.

Just a few months after being dismissed as a costly error, the Dane was now being feted by Luton's fans as the club's saviour. Indeed, the side were enjoying the rare experience of life in the TOP half of the First Division.

Since then, Luton's form has been erratic and they are now assuming a more customary position at the wrong end of the table — but Elstrup's goals are still flowing.

He scored both goals in a 2-2 draw at Nottingham Forest and another couple in their excellent 3-1 win at Sheffield United in the FA Cup third round.

But then came another blow. This time he hobbled out of the FA Cup fourth round replay at West Ham with knee ligament trouble and was forced to miss the vital relegation match at home to QPR, which Luton lost 2-1.

Unlike last season, though, Elstrup has recovered fully and will be keen to add to his increasing goal tally at Stamford Bridge tonight.



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Bridge View



with
COLIN HUTCHINSON



Cup fever that has gripped The Bridge in recent weeks is hardly likely to be in evidence tonight when the twice delayed tie against Luton Town gets under way, and yet the Blues are only 4 matches away (including the two-leg Southern Final) from a second successive Zenith Wembley Final.

Switchboard — 6 lines — constantly jammed with calls; Box Office under siege. Every reason imaginable why people should be given ticket buying priority and sadly a load of abuse for staff who have been putting in a 70 hour working week to provide extended opening hours and service in a no-win situation of only 6,000 tickets for Tottenham and 3,800 for Sheffield Wednesday.

Everybody seems to have their own reason for thinking they are special.

Take Alan Collis who edits the Red Card fanzine. He went to great lengths to try to beat the one per membership rule to buy a ticket for the replay at Tottenham. First he paid for a 1½ season membership and minutes later he was waving his cash receipt at the Box Office window and asking for a ticket. Politely told that until he was issued with his Members Card and voucher book he could not buy, he departed. Persistent bloke is Alan; he then tried his luck with our Marketing Department, where after picking up two tickets for an Executive Club double season ticket holder he tried to persuade the staff to sell him a ticket. He was refused. Most sensible people would have left it at that. Not Alan. He then demanded to see me and bombarded me about the unfairness that now he was a member (for all of 15 minutes!), he should be able to buy a Spurs ticket. The fact that 16,000 members have had to wait for their membership to be properly processed didn't seem to matter. What's more, he volunteered he had already got his ticket and wanted to buy for a member who couldn't get to The Bridge with his voucher book! When it was suggested he might like to let his friend have his

ticket he got quite indignant.

Alan Collis was given a red card and sent on his way, ticketless.

Perhaps because he purports to represent the fans he thought you would not mind if he took a ticket that would deprive one of you?

72 hours later what should pop through the letterbox but a letter from Mr Collis claiming that forking out £30 for 1½ season membership and making a nuisance of himself was all part of investigative journalism to check for himself that Chelsea were sticking to the rules of only selling against voucher entitlement. He even told us that he was pleased Hutch had stood firm and was not prepared to bend the rules! His explanation would have been more plausible had he voiced these sentiments before he left The Bridge.

Now that ITV has selected Leeds United 1 v Manchester United 2 for Rumbelows live action on Sunday and we meet Sheffield Wednesday in the weather delayed 1st leg at The Bridge with a 12 noon kick off, the Hillsborough decider will be on Wednesday. February 27th kick off 7.45 pm. With only 3,800 tickets available to Chelsea we will be screening live action from Sheffield Wednesday; satellite link direct to big screen TV here at Stamford Bridge. Only the East Stand will be open with tickets, for unreserved seating, available in advance and on the night: Lower Tier (both sections) £8; Middle Tier £12; Upper Tier £10. Season ticket holders pay. No members' concession. Gates open 6.30 pm.

Before the Rumbelows 180 minutes from Wembley action starts, we not only face Luton Town tonight in the Zenith Cup 3rd round, but if we progress it is on to Crystal Palace in 48 hours (Wednesday night) for the Southern semi-final, provided they beat Brighton. If Brighton progress then the date is still to be finalised.

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ZENITH DATA SYSTEMS CUP DRAMA

Blues through after Andy blow

CHELSEA'S Zenith Data Systems Cup second-round match against Swindon at Stamford Bridge, on December 12, was their first in defence of the trophy they captured last season.

The victory recorded by the Blues though was overshadowed by the incident of Chelsea's captain Andy Townsend almost swallowing his tongue.

With the game just 36 minutes old, the Republic of Ireland midfielder collided with Swindon defender Adrian Viveash and lay motionless on the turf.

Quick thinking from referee Martin Bodenham, who immediately summoned Chelsea's physio Bob Ward, thankfully averted a potential tragedy. Suffering from concussion, Townsend spent the night in hospital.

PENALTY

The loss of their midfield powerhouse might have had an adverse effect on the rest of the team, but they continued to outplay their Second Division opponents. Chelsea's pressure was finally rewarded, 16 minutes from the end, in the form of a penalty.

Until then, Swindon goalkeeper Fraser Digby had kept his side in the tie with a string of superb saves as a determined Chelsea took the game to the West Country club. David Lee, Townsend, Gordon Durie, Graeme Le Saux and Kerry Dixon were all denied by the former England Under-21 keeper.

However, it was Digby who was involv-

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Ref and physio leap in to save Townsend

ed in the incident that led to Chelsea's winner. With a one-on-one situation, he tripped Scotland's international, Durie, as the striker homed in on goal. From the spot Dennis Wise thumped home his sixth penalty of the season.

Swindon, a spirited side under their Argentinian manager Ossie Ardiles, staged a comeback towards the end and, but for poor finishing from two former Chelsea players, would have taken the match into extra-time.

Duncan Shearer, a squad member of the Chelsea side who won this competition, when it was the Full Members Cup in 1986, forced Dave Beasant into a spectacular save.

MICKY'S MISS

But the miss of the night came from Micky Hazard, the ex-Chelsea man, for whom Swindon paid Portsmouth £100,000 in January, 1990. In the closing minutes, with an open goal beckoning, he failed to hit the target from just two yards and Chelsea were through to tonight's Southern Area quarter-final.

HARRY PRATT

PICTURE — CENTRE PAGES

ZENITH ZEST

KERRY DIXON swerves past Swindon's Steve Foley (left) and Jon Gittens at The Bridge in the second-round victory that took Chelsea into the draw for tonight's match against Luton.

PICTURE: ACTION IMAGES



AT THE BRIDGE TONIGHT ... WELCOME TO LUTON

LUTON were among a number of teams who decided not to enter the inaugural Full Members Cup in 1985 and it was not until two seasons later, after the competition's title had changed to Simod Cup, that they took part.

Indeed, the Simod Cup played a leading part in what proved to be the most successful — and memorable — season in the club's history.

At one stage, Luton were on course for an unprecedented cup treble, having reached the Simod and Littlewoods Cup Finals and FA Cup semi-finals.

However, their hopes were dashed in the first leg of their quest when they suffered a shock 4-1 defeat in the Simod Final by Reading, who were eventually relegated to the Third Division at the end of that season.

More disappointment followed in the FA Cup semi-final at White Hart Lane as they lost 2-1 to Wimbledon, before Luton finally gained the reward their efforts deserved, beating Arsenal 3-2 in the Littlewoods Cup Final to win the club's first major honour.

In the two seasons since their Simod Final appearance, Luton have suffered 4-1 defeats by Crystal Palace in the third and second rounds, respectively.

Luton's 5-1 second-round thrashing of West Ham has been one of the high spots this season when the club have been struggling to find consistency.

Under manager **Jim Ryan**, Luton have spent most of the season in mid-table security after narrowly avoiding relegation last May.

Ryan, 45, who earlier this month celebrated his first year in charge at Kenilworth Road, was born in Stirling and started his playing career with Manchester United in 1962. He was restricted to 24 League appearances in four years at Old Trafford, although he won a European Cup Winners' medal in 1968 against Benfica as a substitute.

He joined Luton in 1970 and four years later was a member of the side which gained promotion to the First Division. After 176 League appearances for the club, he moved to the United States in 1976 where he played for Dallas Tornado and Wichita Wings. He returned to Luton in 1986 and became a member of the club's coaching staff.

Alec Chamberlain, who joined Luton from Everton for £150,000 in July 1988, has proved a dependable goalkeeper since succeeding Les Sealey, now at Manchester United. A 26-year-old who stands 6ft 2in tall, he could never break into the Everton first team, mainly because of the brilliance of Neville Southall, but played 219 games for Colchester United, the club which gave him his League debut.

Former Luton trainee **Julian James**, 20, has played at right-back in recent games after missing two months with a fractured cheekbone sustained in a Rumbelows Cup tie against Bradford on October 10.

Richard Harvey, 21, has established himself in the left-back position this season. A former England Youth international, he made his League debut against QPR in November 1986.

by John Price



Dave Beaumont and **John Dreyer** have formed the regular central defensive partnership this season.

Former Scottish Under-21 international Beaumont missed much of last season with an ankle ligament injury but recovered in time to help Luton avoid relegation. Aged 27, he cost £150,000 from Dundee United in January 1989.

Club captain and penalty taker Dreyer, 27, started with Oxford United and had loan spells at Torquay United and Fulham before joining Luton for £140,000 in July 1988.

Luton's last match — the 2-1 home defeat by QPR — marked the return to action of central defender **Graham Rodger**, 23, who has spent the last 15-months rehabilitating after an ankle ligament injury suffered in only his second game for the club, following a £150,000 move from Coventry in July 1989.

Darron McDonough, 28, can play in defence or midfield. Belgian-born, he moved to Luton in an £85,000 transfer from Oldham Athletic, his first club, in September 1986.

Midfielder **Mark Pembroke**, 20, another youth product, has broken into the first team this season and made his Luton debut in the Zenith Cup against West Ham in December.

Another midfielder **David Preece**, 27, joined Luton in a £150,000 transfer from Walsall in December 1984. An England "B" international, he has made more than 150 League appearances for the club.

Luton can boast two Northern Ireland internationals in their ranks. **Iain Dowie**, 26, a forward purchased from non-League Hendon Town for £30,000 in January 1989, has pulled on the green shirt five times.

On the wing is **Kingsley Black**, 22, who joined the club from school. He impressed Northern Ireland manager Billy Bingham so much that he won his first international cap while still only 19 and in his first season in the Luton side. He has earned 12 more caps since then.

Another international, **Lars Elstrup**, 27, of Denmark, has arguably been Luton's most impressive player this season, having been switched from a central striker to a left winger with great effect. Luton paid a club record £650,000 for him in August 1989.

Striker **Sean Farrell**, 21, has made a successful return to the Luton first team this season after a 15-month absence through a knee injury. Watford-born, he was the star of the televised Guinness Soccer Sixes which Luton won last month and shared the title of top goal scorer.

Kurt Nogan, 20, the Welsh Under-21 striker, has made several first-team appearances this season, and midfielder **Paul Holsgrove**, 21, signed for £25,000 from non-League Wokingham Town last month, made his club debut as a sub against QPR.



Back Row L to R: Richard Cooke, Paul Gray, Marvin Johnson, Kurt Nogan, Richard Harvey, Jason Rees. Middle Row L to R: George Key (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 L to R: David Beaumont, Tim Breacker (now with West Ham), John Dreyer (capt), Jim Ryan (manager), David Preece, Kingsley Black, Lars Elstrup.

Previous Meetings

Our full record against Luton Town is:

| | P | W | D | L | F | A |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| League | 35 | 14 | 10 | 11 | 53 | 45 |
| F.A. Cup | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| Total | 38 | 15 | 11 | 12 | 58 | 48 |

Our Past Cup Encounters

| F.A. CUP | F A Scorers | Att. |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| 1926-27 FAC (3) Home | 4-0 Thain 2, R. Turnbull 2 | 41,441 |
| 1934-35 FAC (3) Home | 1-1 Argue | 46,492 |
| FAC (3R) Away | 0-2 | 23,041 |

RECENT LEAGUE MEETINGS

| | | |
|---------------|------------------------------|--------|
| 1984-85 DIV 1 | Away 0-0 | 16,066 |
| | Home 2-0 Dixon, Nevin | 13,789 |
| 1985-86 DIV 1 | Away 1-1 Dixon | 10,720 |
| | Home 1-0 Speedie | 21,102 |
| 1986-87 DIV 1 | Home 1-3 Dixon | 13,040 |
| | Away 0-1 | 10,956 |
| 1987-88 DIV 1 | Home 3-0 Dixon, Nevin, Coady | 16,075 |
| | Away 0-3 | 8,018 |
| 1989-90 DIV 1 | Away 3-0 K. Wilson 2, Dixon | 10,068 |
| | Home 1-0 Durie | 15,221 |
| 1990-91 DIV 1 | Away 0-2 | 11,050 |

RESULTS THIS SEASON

| Date | Opponents | Res | Att | Scorers |
|--------|------------------|--------|--------|---------------------------------|
| Aug 25 | Crystal Palace | 1-1 | 9,583 | Dowie |
| Aug 29 | Arsenal | 1-2 | 32,723 | Elstrup |
| Sep 1 | Southampton | 2-1 | 14,878 | Elstrup 2 |
| Sep 4 | Man. Utd | 0-1 | 12,576 | |
| Sep 8 | Leeds | 1-0 | 10,158 | Black |
| Sep 15 | QPR | 1-6 | 10,186 | Hughes |
| Sep 22 | Coventry | 1-0 | 8,336 | Dowie |
| Sep 25 | Bradford (RC) | 1-1 | 5,120 | Harvey |
| Sep 29 | Norwich | 3-1 | 12,794 | Elstrup 3 |
| Oct 10 | Bradford (RC) | 1-1aet | 6,180 | Black |
| Oct 20 | Sunderland | 0-2 | 20,025 | |
| Oct 27 | Everton | 1-1 | 10,047 | Elstrup |
| Nov 3 | Derby | 1-2 | 15,008 | Black |
| Nov 10 | Liverpool | 0-4 | 35,207 | |
| Nov 17 | Man. City | 2-2 | 9,564 | Dreyer, Dowie |
| Nov 24 | Aston Villa | 2-0 | 10,071 | Elstrup, Black |
| Dec 1 | Nottm. Forest | 2-2 | 16,498 | Elstrup 2 |
| Dec 8 | Arsenal | 1-1 | 12,506 | Dreyer |
| Dec 16 | Crystal Palace | 0-1 | 15,195 | |
| Dec 19 | West Ham (ZDS) | 5-1 | 5,759 | Elstrup, Black, Rees, Farrell 2 |
| Dec 22 | Tottenham | 1-2 | 27,007 | Dowie |
| Dec 26 | Sheffield Utd | 0-1 | 10,004 | |
| Dec 29 | Chelsea | 2-0 | 11,050 | Black, Cundy og. |
| Jan 1 | Wimbledon | 0-2 | 4,521 | |
| Jan 5 | Sheffield Utd FA | 3-1 | 13,897 | Elstrup 2, Johnson |
| Jan 12 | Southampton | 3-4 | 9,021 | James, Elstrup, Dreyer |
| Jan 19 | Leeds | 1-2 | 27,010 | Elstrup |
| Jan 26 | West Ham (FA) | 1-1 | 12,087 | Black |
| Jan 29 | West Ham (FA) | 0-5 | 25,659 | |
| Feb 2 | QPR | 1-2 | 8,479 | Black |

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Sunday February 24th Kick Off 12.00 noon

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Wednesday February 27th Kick Off 7.45 pm

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BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE NORWICH CITY (Away)

Saturday February 23rd

This match is postponed because of Rumbelows Cup Semi Final Sunday February 24th.

New date still to be finalised.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (Away)

Saturday March 2nd Kick Off 3.00 pm

ALL TICKET FOR CHELSEA — NO TICKETS ON THE DAY

SEATS: £13. TERRACE £8.

Tickets went on sale today. Before today's Luton game tickets will only be sold to season ticket holders on production of S/T book and voucher 'D'. After the Luton game any remaining tickets will be on sale to members, voucher 'D38'.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE MANCHESTER UNITED (Home)

Saturday March 9th Kick Off 3.00 pm

(Subject to Man Utd not being involved in the FA Cup 6th round)

Category 'A' — NOT all ticket

Tickets on sale F/S and L/T members voucher 'D15'.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE LEEDS UNITED (Home)

Wednesday March 20th Kick Off 7.30 pm

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SEATS: £12 (West Stand); £15 (East Upper); £20 (East Middle); F/S & L/T members usual prices, voucher D17.
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DIVISION ONE, DECEMBER 29: RESULT 0-2

IN our last meeting Luton shut out the Blues, John Dreyer and Steve Walker closely marking Kevin Wilson (below), although Kevin managed to step over one challenge (bottom). Erland Johnsen (right) is shadowed by Kingsley Black.



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CHELSEA'S ZENITH RIVALS

Shocks, shoot-outs and sizzlers on the way to Wembley

By STEPHEN DAVIES

THERE are plenty of top sides still in the Zenith Data Systems Cup eager to take the trophy away from Stamford Bridge.

Luton, Leeds United, Nottingham Forest, Everton, Norwich and Crystal Palace are just some of those left with visions of a trip to Wembley in April.

Everton, the 1989 tournament runners-up, look to be in sparkling form. Howard Kendall's side booked a place in the Northern semi-finals by beating Sunderland 4-1, £2m striker Tony Cottee scoring all four.

Leeds United, proving virtually unstoppable on their return to the First Division, joined Everton in the last eight with a 2-1 success over Derby County. Lee Chapman scored the winner, with Dean Saunders inevitably on target for Derby.

HAT-TRICK

Manchester City, Chelsea's 5-4 victims in the inaugural Full Members Cup Final in 1986, reached the area semi-finals by winning 2-0 at Sheffield United, courtesy of a Mark Ward pair.

Sheffield United had stolen the limelight in the second round with an amazing 7-2 win at Oldham. United were without a win in the League up to that point.

Manchester City now visit Leeds while Everton must travel to Barnsley.

Barnsley have already featured in one of the best matches of the competition — an eight-goal thriller at The Hawthorns where Barnsley beat West Bromwich Albion 5-3. Ian Banks scored a hat-trick in 12 minutes.

The South Yorkshiremen then knocked out neighbours Sheffield Wednesday. The match finished 3-3 after extra time and Barnsley won 4-2 on penalties, one of three second-round matches that went to a sudden-death finale.

Barnsley earned the home tie with Everton by beating Nottingham Forest 2-1. Nearly 7,000 turned up at Oakwell to see goals from Andy Rammell and Brendan O'Connell put them through. Steve Chettle scored for Forest.

In the Southern Area, **Ipswich** have stormed into the semi-finals. After an excellent 2-0 win at Wimbledon in the second round, John Lyall's side disposed of Oxford United 2-1. Simon Milton and Jason Dozzell scored for Ipswich to cancel out ex-Luton favourite Steve Foster's strike for Oxford.

Ipswich are now away to **Norwich** or **Southampton**, an intriguing all-First Division battle which, if Norwich win, will provide a keenly-awaited East Anglian derby.

Luton, the Simod Cup runners-up in 1988 and tonight's opponents, saw off West Ham with a 5-1 win in the last round, Sean Farrell scoring twice.

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The winners tonight will meet **Brighton** or **Crystal Palace** away in the last eight. Brighton have beaten Plymouth and Charlton to reach this far while Palace have accounted for Bristol Rovers.

There is still some way to go before the Final on April 7 at Wembley where the winner will collect a cheque for £100,000 from Zenith.

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If you were taking to Walter before tonight's game, you would probably already know that, for he is here this evening, aged a mere 95.

Not only can Walter remember who scored the first goal at The Bridge — he saw it — but he could tell you a bit more too... his father helped build the stadium.

Tonight, Walter sits proudly in the directors' box as a guest of the Chairman, Ken Bates. He is the leader who has inspired four generations of Chelsea supporters.

Walter lives in Roehampton and stopped coming to games when football violence threatened to take control of the game.

Absence from The Bridge has not stopped Walter from keeping up to date with the team's affairs. He watches every game on television, follows the reports in the papers and doesn't miss a thing.

The fact that he was dancing with his granddaughter, Jan, on New Year's Eve, is a pointer to his heartiness.

Walter's special night out was kept as a last-minute surprise by Jan and her husband, Steve, himself a supporter for 25 years. They were the Chairman's guests for the match against QPR and are back with Walter this evening.

But what's 25 years when Walter is in his 86th year of following Chelsea — since that very first game at Stamford Bridge?

NICK CALLOW

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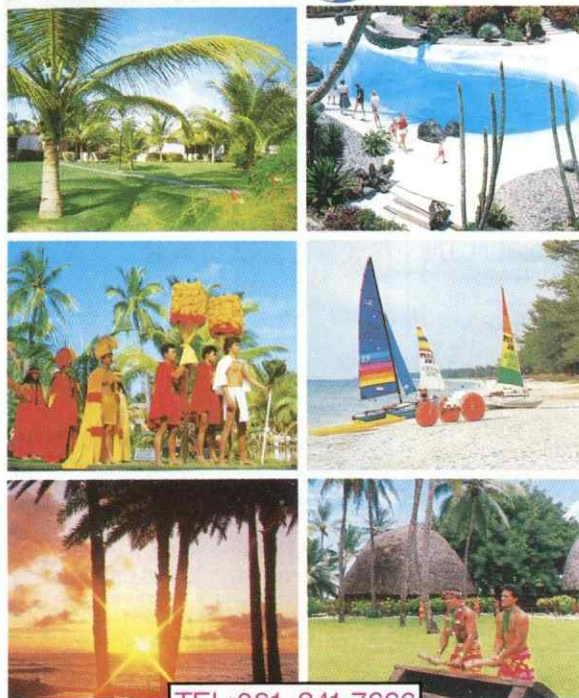
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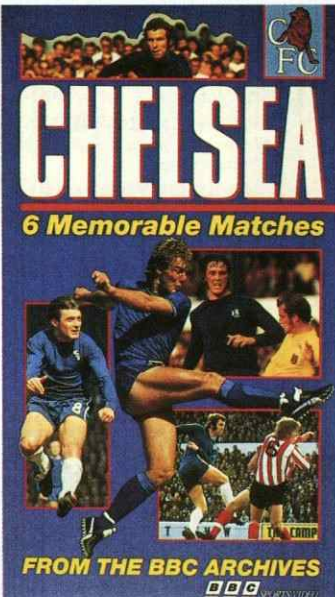


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**Southern Section
Second Round**

Brighton (1) 3 (Codner 10, Small 52,67)
Charlton (0) 1 (Walsh 70)
Att: 2,588

CHELSEA (0) 1 (Wise 74pen)
Swindon (0) 0
Att: 5,888

Crystal Palace (1) 2 (Gray 42, Salako 46)
Bristol Rovers (1) 1 (Pounder 30)
Att: 5,209

Luton (4) 5 (Farrell 6,37, Rees 15, Elstrup 24, Black 61)
West Ham (0) 1 (Keen 88)
Att: 5,759

Norwich (0) 1 (Rosario 103)
Millwall (0) 1 (Sheringham 119)
Att: 4,000
(aet. Norwich win 6-5 on pens)

Oxford (1) 1 (Magilton 30)
Portsmouth (0) 0
Att: 1,055

Southampton (3) 4 (Shearer 13,44, Horne 16, Law 80og)
QPR (0) 0
Att: 5,071

Wimbledon (0) 0
Ipswich (1) 2 (Redford 32, Kiwomya 56)
Att: 1,787

**Northern Section
Second Round**

Blackburn (0) 1 (Skinner 80)
Everton (1) 4 (Newell 5, Cottee 53, Watson 63,68)
Att: 5,410

Derby (0) 1 (Callaghan 59)
Coventry (0) 0
Att: 7,270

Man City (1) 2 (White 8, Quinn 80)
Middlesbrough (0) 1 (Hendrie 62)
Att: 6,406

Nottm Forest (0) 2 (Hodge 48, Clough 81)
Newcastle (1) 1 (Scott 25)
Att: 9,567

Notts County (1) 2 (Bartlett 17, Draper 63pen)
Sunderland (2) 2 (O'Riordan 50g, Armstrong 41)
Att: 3,003
(aet. Sunderland win 3-1 on pens)

Sheff Utd (2) 7 (Bryson 30,36, Hoyland 50, Beesley 51, Deane 85, Duffield 88,89)
Oldham (2) 2 (Palmer 10, Marshall 12)
Att: 3,144

Sheff Wed (1) 3 (Hirst 35,69,101)
Barnsley (0) 3 (Archdeacon 62,78, Connolly 108)
Att: 5,942

(aet. Barnsley win 4-2 on pens)
Wolves (0) 1 (Cook 60)
Leeds (1) 2 (Varadi 21, McAllister 74)
Att: 11,080

Third Round

Ipswich (1) 2 (Milton 25, Dozzell 90)
Oxford (1) 1 (Foster 37)
Att: 7,465

To be played:

Brighton v Crystal Palace
CHELSEA v Luton
Norwich v Southampton

Third Round

Everton (1) 4 (Cottee 27,72,75,87)
Sunderland (0) 1 (Ball 65)
Att: 4,609

Leeds (2) 2 (Shutt 25, Chapman 31)
Derby (0) 1 (Saunders 88)
Att: 6,334

Sheffield Utd (0) 0
Manchester City (1) 2 (Ward 11,77)
Att: 5,106

Barnsley (1) 2 (Rammall, O'Connell)
Nottm Forest (1) 1 (Chettle)
Att: 6,692

Southern Section

Semi-final draw

Brighton or Crystal Palace v Chelsea or Luton
Norwich or Southampton v Ipswich

Northern Section

Semi-final draw

Barnsley v Everton
Leeds v Manchester City

**FIRST, FIRST
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AGAIN ...**

WHEN Graeme Le Saux made his Chelsea debut against Crystal Palace on Boxing Day 1989, as we reported on the QPR programme, it was his *First Division* debut.

Graeme first played for Chelsea, as a substitute, in the last game of the 1988-89 season, at Portsmouth — in the *Second Division*. His first start came in a game against West Ham on December 23, 1989 — in the *ZDS Cup*.

On January 6, 1990, he made his FA Cup debut at home to Crewe. And, finally, Graeme made his *FULL First Division* debut at Sheffield Wednesday on January 14, 1990.

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| | | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | |
| Liverpool..... | 24 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 30 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 16 | 12 | 54 |
| *Arsenal..... | 24 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 26 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 17 | 7 | 51 |
| Crystal Palace..... | 25 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 17 | 12 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 11 | 49 |
| Leeds..... | 24 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 26 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 13 | 43 |
| †Man. Utd..... | 24 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 23 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 14 | 14 | 40 |
| Tottenham..... | 24 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 26 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 12 | 38 |
| Man City..... | 24 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 20 | 14 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 16 | 18 | 38 |
| Wimbledon..... | 25 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 19 | 15 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 17 | 18 | 36 |
| CHELSEA..... | 26 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 22 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 17 | 29 | 36 |
| Norwich..... | 24 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 21 | 23 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 11 | 19 | 32 |
| Nottm F..... | 24 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 18 | 14 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 19 | 20 | 31 |
| Everton..... | 25 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 20 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 20 | 30 |
| Aston Villa..... | 23 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 16 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 16 | 27 |
| Southampton..... | 24 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 19 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 32 | 26 |
| Coventry..... | 24 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 18 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 17 | 24 |
| Sunderland..... | 25 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 14 | 27 | 24 |
| Luton..... | 24 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 12 | 27 | 23 |
| Q.P.R..... | 25 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 16 | 16 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 13 | 27 | 22 |
| Sheffield Utd..... | 24 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 25 | 19 |
| Derby..... | 24 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 13 | 18 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 8 | 25 | 18 |

*Arsenal 2pts deducted; †Man Utd 1pt deducted

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

| [Up to + including Sat. Feb 16th] | 1990-91 (Apps as sub in brackets) | | | | Chelsea Career (Including apps as sub) | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------|------|---|------|--------------------------------------|------|-----|
| | League | | Cups (FAC.R.L.C. ZDSC) | | League | | Total (Lge.PO.FAC. F.L.C.F.MC) | | |
| | Age | Apps | Gls | Apps | Gls | Apps | Gls | Apps | Gls |
| BEASANT (31) | 23 | — | 8 | — | 83 | — | 102 | — | — |
| BUMSTEAD (32) | 8(5) | 1 | 2(3) | — | 338 | 38 | 409 | 44 | 4 |
| CLARKE (27) | 8(1) | 1 | 3 | — | 123 | 5 | 149 | 8 | 8 |
| CUNDY (21) | 17(1) | — | 6 | — | 18 | — | 24 | — | — |
| DICKENS (26) | 1(3) | — | — | — | 26 | 1 | 30 | 4 | 4 |
| DIXON (29) | 23 | 6 | 7(1) | 5 | 290 | 138 | 362 | 183 | — |
| DORIGO (25) | 22 | 1 | 7 | — | 137 | 10 | 168 | 11 | — |
| DURIE (25) | 14 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 113 | 46 | 140 | 58 | — |
| FREESTONE (22) | — | — | — | — | 42 | — | 53 | — | — |
| HALL (21) | 20 | — | 7 | — | 69 | 1 | 87 | 2 | — |
| HITCHCOCK (28) | 3 | — | 1 | — | 14 | — | 19 | — | — |
| JOHNSEN (23) | 6 | — | 1 | — | 24 | — | 32 | — | — |
| LEE (21) | 15(2) | 1 | 5(2) | 1 | 67 | 6 | 86 | 8 | — |
| LE SAUX (22) | 19(4) | 2 | 5(3) | 1 | 31 | 3 | 44 | 4 | — |
| MATTHEW (20) | 5(1) | — | 3 | — | 8 | — | 11 | — | — |
| McALLISTER (28) | 3(7) | — | 2 | 1 | 103 | 7 | 137 | 13 | — |
| MITCHELL (28) | 1 | — | — | — | 7 | — | 8 | — | — |
| MONKOU (26) | 17 | — | 7 | — | 53 | 1 | 70 | 1 | — |
| NICHOLAS (31) | 11(1) | 1 | 3 | — | 80 | 2 | 93 | 2 | — |
| STUART (20) | 10(1) | 2 | 4(1) | — | 13 | 3 | 18 | 3 | — |
| TOWNSEND (27) | 22 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 22 | 2 | 31 | 5 | — |
| WILSON (29) | 16(4) | 7 | 5(1) | 2 | 128 | 39 | 159 | 52 | — |
| WISE (24) | 22 | 7(4P) | 7 | 3(P) | 22 | 7 | 29 | 10 | — |
| OPPONENT O. G. | | 1 | — | — | | | | | |

LEAGUE ATTENDANCES AND TOP SCORERS

| | | Average | | Best | | | | Average | | Best | |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------|--------|---------------|---------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--|------|--|
| Liverpool | Beardsley 11, Rush 10 | 35,966 | 38,463 | Nottm. Forest | Jemson 8, two on seven | 21,375 | 27,347 | | | | |
| Arsenal | Smith 12, Merson 9 | 35,860 | 41,516 | Everton | Nevin 6, two on 4 | 27,060 | 39,847 | | | | |
| Crystal Pal. | Bright 9, Wright 8 | 19,921 | 28,181 | Aston Villa | Platt 11, Cascarino 3 | 26,153 | 40,026 | | | | |
| Leeds | Chapman 11, Strachan 7 | 28,860 | 31,342 | Southampton | Le Tissier 12, Wallace 10 | 18,310 | 21,405 | | | | |
| Man. United | Hughes 9, McClair 9 | 44,053 | 47,485 | Coventry | Gallacher 5, Borrows 5 | 13,470 | 22,731 | | | | |
| Tottenham | Lineker 12, Gascoigne 7 | 32,229 | 35,003 | Luton | Elstrup 13, Black 5 | 10,119 | 12,576 | | | | |
| Man. City | Quinn 10, two on 8 | 28,628 | 36,215 | Sunderland | Gabbadini 7, Davenport 6 | 23,098 | 31,707 | | | | |
| Wimbledon | Fashanu 13, two on 4 | 7,354 | 13,733 | Q.P.R. | Wegerle 14, Falco 4 | 14,800 | 21,405 | | | | |
| CHELSEA | Durie, Wise, Wilson on 7 | 21,472 | 33,478 | | | | | | | | |

| DATE | OPPONENTS | V | RES | ATT. | POS |
|-------------|----------------------------|---|-----|--------|-----|
| Sat Aug 25 | Derby County | H | 2-1 | 25,835 | — |
| Tue Aug 28 | Crystal Palace | A | 1-2 | 27,101 | — |
| Sat Sep 1 | Queens Park Rangers | A | 0-1 | 19,813 | 13 |
| Sat Sep 8 | Sunderland | H | 3-2 | 19,424 | 9 |
| Sat Sep 15 | Arsenal | A | 1-4 | 41,516 | 13 |
| Sat Sep 22 | Manchester City | H | 1-1 | 20,924 | 12 |
| Sat Sep 29 | Sheffield United | H | 2-2 | 19,873 | 13 |
| Sat Oct 6 | Southampton | A | 3-3 | 16,911 | 13 |
| Sat Oct 20 | Nottingham Forest | H | 0-0 | 22,403 | 14 |
| Sat Oct 27 | Liverpool | A | 0-2 | 38,463 | 15 |
| Sat Nov 3 | Aston Villa | H | 1-0 | 23,555 | 11 |
| Sat Nov 10 | Norwich City | H | 1-1 | 16,925 | 11 |
| Sat Nov 17 | Wimbledon | A | 1-2 | 10,773 | 14 |
| Sun Nov 25 | Manchester United † | A | 3-2 | 37,836 | 11 |
| Sat Dec 1 | Tottenham Hotspur | H | 3-2 | 33,478 | 9 |
| Sat Dec 8 | Crystal Palace | H | 2-1 | 21,558 | 9 |
| Sat Dec 15 | Derby County | A | 6-4 | 15,057 | 7 |
| Sat Dec 22 | Coventry City | H | 2-1 | 16,317 | 6 |
| Wed Dec 26 | Leeds United | A | 1-4 | 30,893 | 7 |
| Sat Dec 29 | Luton Town | A | 0-2 | 11,050 | 8 |
| Tue Jan 1 | Everton | H | 1-2 | 18,351 | 8 |
| Sat Jan 12 | Queens Park Rangers | H | 2-0 | 19,255 | 7 |
| Sat Jan 19 | Sunderland | A | 0-1 | 20,038 | 9 |
| Sat Feb 2 | Arsenal | H | 2-1 | 29,094 | 9 |
| Sat Feb 9 | Manchester City | A | 1-2 | 25,116 | 9 |
| Sat Feb 16 | Wimbledon | H | 0-0 | 13,378 | 9 |
| Sat Mar 2 | Tottenham Hotspur | A | | | |
| Sat Mar 9 | Manchester United | H | | | |
| Sat Mar 16 | Sheffield United | A | | | |
| Wed Mar 20 | Leeds United | H | | | |
| Sat Mar 23 | Southampton | H | | | |
| Mon Apr 1 | Coventry City | A | | | |
| Sat Apr 6 | Luton Town | H | | | |
| Sat Apr 13 | Everton | A | | | |
| Sat Apr 20 | Nottingham Forest | A | | | |
| Sat May 4 | Liverpool | H | | | |
| Sat May 11 | Aston Villa | A | | | |
| TBA | Norwich City | A | | | |
| | F.A. CUP | | | | |
| Sat Jan 5 | (3) Oxford United | H | 1-3 | 14,586 | — |
| | | | | | |
| | RUMBELOWS LEAGUE CUP | | | | |
| Wed Sept 26 | (2-1L) Walsall | A | 5-0 | 5,666 | — |
| Wed Oct 10 | (2-2L) Walsall | H | 4-1 | 10,037 | — |
| Wed Oct 31 | (3) Portsmouth | H | 0-0 | 16,699 | — |
| Tue Nov 6 | (3R) Portsmouth | A | 3-2 | 16,085 | — |
| Wed Nov 28 | (4) Oxford United | A | 2-1 | 9,789 | — |
| Wed Jan 16 | (5) Tottenham Hotspur | H | 0-0 | 34,178 | — |
| Wed Jan 23 | (5R) Tottenham Hotspur | A | 3-0 | 33,861 | — |
| Sun Feb 24 | (SF1L) Sheffield Wednesday | H | | | |
| Wed Feb 27 | (SF2L) Sheffield Wednesday | A | | | |
| | ZENITH DATA SYSTEMS CUP | | | | |
| Wed Dec 12 | (2) Swindon Town | H | 1-0 | 5,888 | — |
| Mon Feb 18 | (3) Luton Town | H | | | |

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Twins Ricky and John Lambert, 9, from Old Coulsdon, Surrey, play for Coulsdon Jets as well as our Chelsea Junior Blues team. They are keen swimmers and list their favourite Chelsea players as Dennis Wise and Kerry Dixon.

Tonight's mascots: John (left) and Ricky Lambert.

MATCH OFFICIALS

HOWARD KING, from Merthyr Tydfil, began refereeing in the Merthyr League in 1967. Ten years later he was on the Linesmen's List having progressed through the Welsh Leagues and by 1980 he was on the Referees' List. He has twice officiated the Welsh Cup Final, in 1982 and 1985. He has refereed 12 internationals and 30 European ties. During the summer he turns his attention to cricket. Howard is an unmarried service rep.

LINEMEN: G. P. Barber (red trim) and B. J. Foreman (yellow trim)



CHELSEA v LUTON



Blue Shirts & Shorts

DAVE BEASANT

Ex-Wimbledon and Newcastle goalkeeper in his third season at the club.

GARETH HALL

Welsh international right-back. regained his place against the Republic of Ireland.

TONY DORIGO

Left-back. Scorer of Chelsea's Zenith Final winner last season.

ANDY TOWNSEND

Republic of Ireland international purchased from Norwich last summer.

JASON CUNDY

Central defender and England Under-21 international.

KENNETH MONKOU

Dutch central defender.

KEVIN McALLISTER

Scottish midfielder approaching 150 appearances for the club.

DAMIAN MATTHEW

A youth product and England Under-21 player.

GRAHAM STUART

Former member of the FA School of Excellence.

KEVIN WILSON

Northern Ireland international striker.

DENNIS WISE

Club record £1.6m signing from Wimbledon.

White Shirts & Shorts

1 ALEC CHAMBERLAIN

£150,000 signing from Everton in July 1988.

2 JULIAN JAMES

Right-back who broke his cheekbone earlier in the season.

3 RICHARD HARVEY

Left-back and former England youth international.

4 MARK PEMBRIDGE

Made Luton debut in Zenith Cup against West Ham last December.

5 DAVE BEAUMONT

Former Scotland Under-21 international defender.

6 JOHN DREYER

Club captain and penalty taker.

7 LARS ELSTRUP

Club record £650,000 signing.

8 DAVID PREECE

England B international with over 150 League appearances for Luton.

9 KURT NOGAN

Welsh Under-21 striker. aged 20.

10 SEAN FARRELL

Watford-born. 21-year-old striker

11 KINGSLEY BLACK

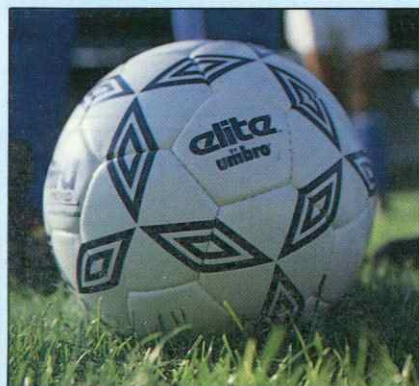
Northern Ireland international who scored against Chelsea in December.

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REFEREE:
HOWARD KING

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