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Why the 'second Kenny' deal came to nought

THE PAPERS correctly reported that Alan Mahood, the 17-year-old Morton midfield player who has extravagantly been called "the second Kenny Dalglish" by the Scottish Press, was at Stamford Bridge when we played Southampton a fortnight ago.

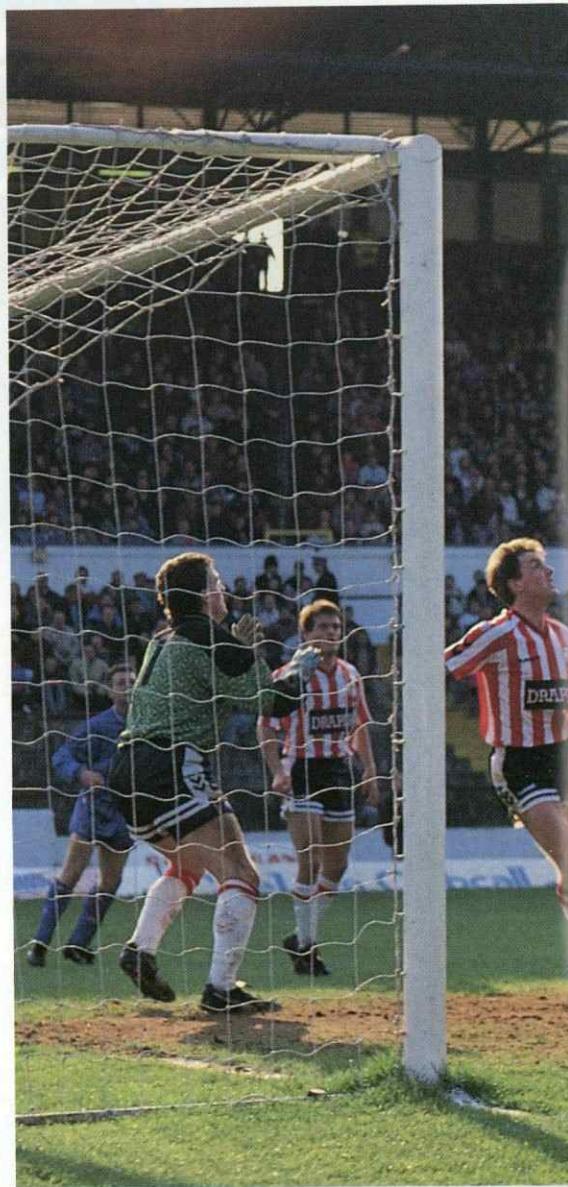
Five days later the player signed for Nottingham Forest for a fee of more than £300,000. That was news to me... so perhaps an explanation is in order.

The Chairman, Ken Bates, and I travelled to Scotland to watch the Motherwell-Morton Scottish Cup quarter final. The principal target was Tommy Boyd, Motherwell's Scottish international defender, who also came South for talks after we agreed a deal but it was decided he stayed with his club while they were in the Cup.

Mahood was injured and out of the game, but we agreed a deal and arranged for him to visit The Bridge and look at the Chelsea set-up.

Mahood came with his father and the Morton chairman as the guests of Chelsea for the day. His mother, who works in a hospital, could not make the trip, so we arranged to return to Scotland for talks with her.

When we went on the following Tuesday, Mahood's parents felt they did not want their



son to leave home for another 12 months because they were a close-knit family and he had never been away before. It was obvious that London was a different world to him... Chelsea was something of a culture shock after Morton and, seemingly, he was a little overawed by everything.

Chelsea have a good reputation for looking

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after young players so, understanding this point of view, we agreed that Mahood might come down again with his Mum and Dad for more acclimatisation to get him ready for leaving home.

Two days later he signed for Forest. Nobody had told us he was going. Mahood's father rang Gwyn Williams to thank him for Chelsea's

ALAN DICKENS heads for goal in the match against Southampton at The Bridge.

interest.

Why did he go to Forest? Nottingham was "more relaxed", Gwyn was told.

CATCH UP WITH BOBBY AND THE PLAYERS

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News & Views

GLENN SPRINGS A SURPRISE

A FEW hundred Chelsea supporters at Tuesday's reserve game against Watford at Stamford Bridge were privileged to see the surprise return to English football of Glenn Hoddle, the 33-year-old midfield player manager Bobby Campbell rates the most gifted in the English game in the past decade.

Glenn, who had not played for 20 months after serious knee problems ended his career with Monaco, laid on goals for Craig Burley and Kevin Wilson in a 5-1 win.

Defence-splitting passes and ball juggling skills were part of his repertoire. He missed a goal — "I was rusty," he said — and headed clear in his own area when Kevin Hitchcock's goal was threatened.

Glenn, who won 53 caps for England and played 377 games for Tottenham Hotspur, has been having treatment and training with Chelsea most of the season since finishing at Monaco and moving to Ascot. He was signed as a non-contract player before the transfer deadline last month and registered for the Ovenden Papers Football Combination hours before Tuesday's match.

Bobby Campbell said: "I have only great praise for his attitude and determination. It was a blast from the past to see Glenn running around again on an English football pitch."

Glenn, cautious afterwards about his playing future despite coming through OK, joined Swindon Town as player-manager later in the week and takes with him our best wishes.

He has certainly been an inspiration to the Chelsea youngsters. His comeback proved that once you can ride a bike, you can always ride a bike. It was great to watch.

BLOW FOR EDDIE

THE post-Rumbelows League Cup exit has produced a depressing sequence of results.

And, after the 1-0 defeat at Coventry City on Easter Monday, the fourth successive defeat, manager Bobby Campbell promised action.

He has been saying for weeks that the aim was to finish in the top five . . . if that target went out of the window, then look for changes.

"This is an opportunity to give the youngsters a go," he said after the Coventry defeat.



NEW ROLE FOR OUR TOP COP

TODAY'S match marks the last Saturday at The Bridge for Chief Superintendent Eamonn Sheridan, 53, who joined the Force in 1957 and has been match commander at Chelsea since 1988.

Eamonn, who is married to Patsy and has four children, has taken an active interest in football and, in recognition of his expertise, is to help set up and run the new Football Licensing Authority, which will be concerned with the organisation of safety within the game.

Superintendent Mike Schuck, who has worked closely with Eamonn at Fulham Police Station, said: "It is largely thanks to Eamonn's hard work and understanding of the game that Chelsea are in such a favourable position and streets ahead of other clubs when it comes to safety at the ground."

KEN BATES — Pages 8 & 9

Bobby told the Press at Highfield Road: "There were some tired legs out there today and I think a few of my players are in need of a rest. I will be taking a serious look at the situation.

"We had a very good start to the season, but it has all gone wrong since we lost to Sheffield Wednesday in the Rumbelows semi-final and something has to be done."

The Tannoy announcement of today's team changes should end all speculation. One thing I can tell you is that 19-year-old Eddie Newton definitely misses his expected chance of a League debut. He has a fractured bone in his left hand where an opponent trod heavily on the hand during a reserve match at Crystal Palace.

Eddie, who will be out of action for at least another fortnight, was in line for a first-team game — both he and Frank Sinclair were taken to Leeds for the Boxing Day game with the first-team squad.



EDITED BY DENNIS SIGNY

DAVE CLUB CAPTAIN

ANDY TOWNSEND has been confirmed as Chelsea's team captain — but Dave Beasant has been appointed club captain in the wake of the departure to Watford of Peter Nicholas.

Beasant, who was 32 on March 20, has been taking some "stick" in the papers recently but big Dave, who captained Wimbledon to FA Cup Final victory against Liverpool at Wembley in 1988, is too seasoned a pro. to let the critics get to him.

"If the manager is saying it, I will worry," he told me.

Bobby Campbell had to defend Dave after last Saturday's 2-1 home defeat by Leeds United for his part in the first goal by Carl Shutt.

When a reporter suggested that Dave might have done better with Chris Whyte's original shot, Bobby said: "The goalkeeper made a save. The defence did not react."

I don't think too many would disagree with Dave's version: "The goal was a joke."

ANDY'S MEDAL

SKIPPER Townsend, who won his 22nd cap for the Republic of Ireland in the 1-1 draw against England at Wembley, was among the players voted by his fellow professionals as top choice in his position in the First Division. He will be presented with the prestigious medal for that PFA divisional award on field this afternoon.

The presentation will be made by Bob Bashford, a director of the London North Western regional office of Barclays Bank, the sponsor of the Football League championship and the 1991 PFA awards.

BIRTHDAYS

CONGRATULATIONS to Erland Johnsen, 24 yesterday, and Kevin Wilson, who will be 30 on Thursday, April 18.

A day later, one of Chelsea's keenest supporters, GARRY de MOLL, will be celebrating his 18th birthday. Garry has been watching the Blues since the age of three, whatever the weather and wherever they may be playing. He has even named his rottweiller dog "Chelsea" . . . but his mother tells me they are not allowed to say "Down Chelsea!"

BOB GETS KENNETH BACK ON HIS FEET

A PAT on the back for physiotherapist Bob Ward. When Kenneth Monkou aggravated an Achilles tendon injury early in the match against Leeds last week, Bob "immobilised" the sore area after the game to settle it down.

Although Kenneth went home on crutches and needed intensive treatment from Bob at the weekend, he was OK to play at Coventry on Monday. "Good medical treatment," said Bobby Campbell.

The injury was sore afterwards and Kenneth has needed further treatment during the week. Also under Bob's care at the moment: Gareth Hall and Kevin McAllister (ankle injuries), John Bumstead (calf), and Damian Matthew (groin strain). Plus, of course, Eddie Newton.

ON PARADE

GORDON DURIE, due to make his 150th first-team appearance for Chelsea today, won his 11th cap for Scotland in the 1-1 draw with Bulgaria at Hampden Park and, according to my spies at the match, had his best international game . . . Jason Cundy scored his first international goal in the 3-0 win for England Under-21's against the Republic at Brentford and earned his second cap . . . David Lee won his fifth Under-21 cap in that game and Damian Matthew his fourth . . . Kevin Wilson won his 20th cap for Northern Ireland in the 4-1 defeat against Yugoslavia in Belgrade.

IN BRIEF

THE semi-final of the Middlesex Charity Cup away to Hayes will be played next Wednesday . . . Kevin Hitchcock is back after his loan spell with Northampton Town . . . Winners of the free raffle for the autographed ball in the family section at the Southampton game were Andrew Lee, 7, of Grayson Park Road, Worcester Park, Surrey, and Wesley Greenhead, 13, of Warbank Crescent, New Addington, Croydon. There were two winners because the ball was not claimed at the Manchester United match . . . The Chairman's guests at today's match are Jonathan Stratt and Philip Owens from London, NW6.

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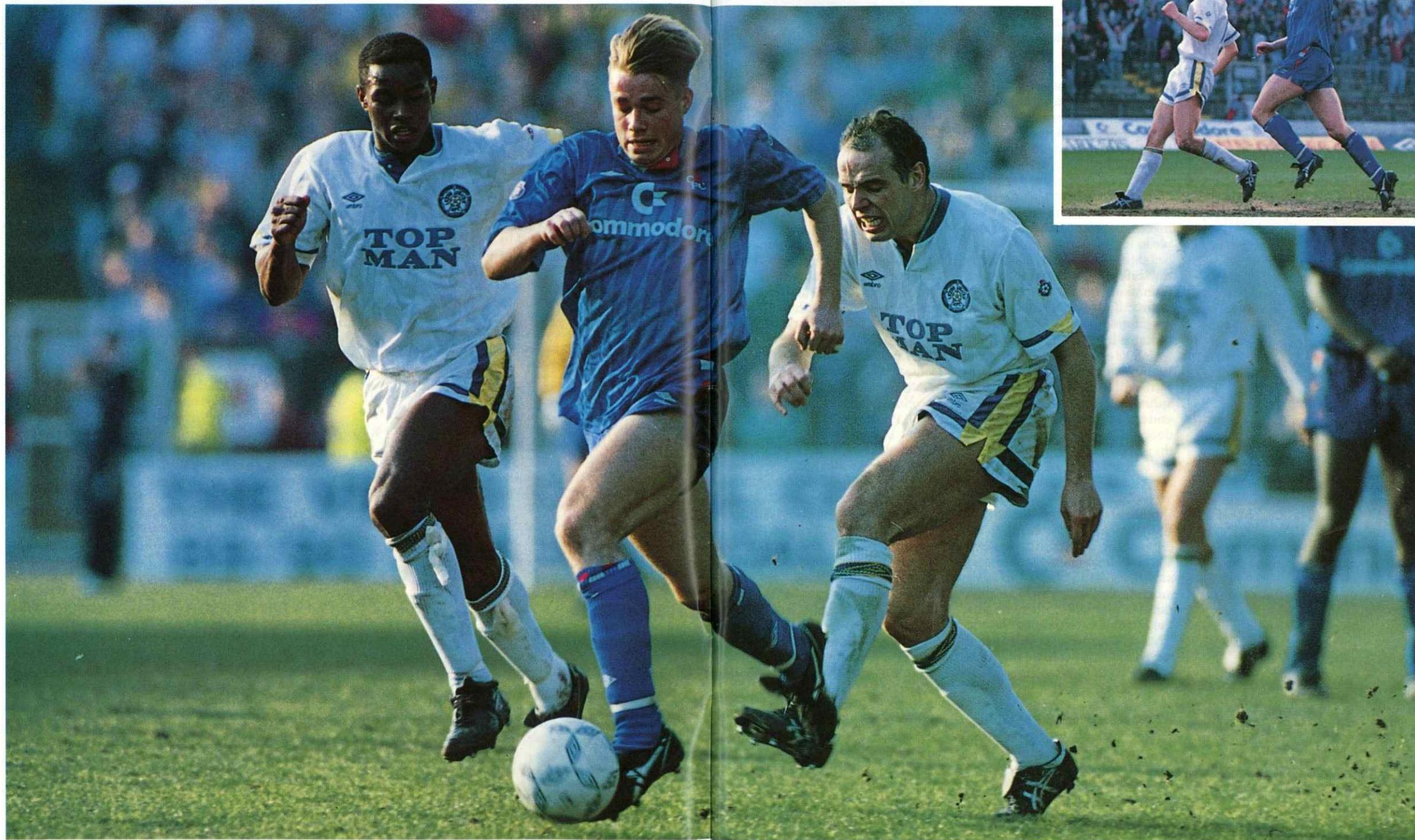
BLUES

Action Replay

v LEEDS SATURDAY, MARCH 30: RESULT 1-2

GRAEME LE SAUX at last gave Chelsea's fans something to cheer about when he beat Leeds' Chris Fairclough (left) and Mel Sterland in the closing stages at The Bridge last Saturday and

raced towards the goal to score past 'keeper John Lukic. Graeme did some celebrating too (inset), but Leeds took the points with earlier goals from Carl Shutt and Fairclough.



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Ken Bates

THANKS, EAMONN — AND GOOD LUCK

AFTER the game at Coventry, contemplating another "might have been", I got into conversation with the local police superintendent and made my routine enquiry about fans' behaviour. He was full of praise for our travelling supporters and said that he intended to write confirming how well behaved they all were.

This, from the same police force who ordered all-ticket matches there not so long ago, was praise indeed.

It was a further indication of how much progress is being made in improving the standard of behaviour, not just at Chelsea but throughout football.

No single action has achieved this. It has been a combination of a number of factors.

Closed-circuit television, pioneered by this club, means that 20,000 fans can be watched by relatively few police officers, dedicated policing, i.e. the same policemen in the same place every week (including away games), better stewarding and more positive action by the courts, including the occasional stiff prison sentence, have all been measures which have combined to make the would-be troublemakers either avoid the football grounds or improve their behaviour.

This was all done without the wretched ID card proposal. If Margaret Thatcher had been

alerted to that popular revolt, maybe she would have avoided the subsequent rebellion over the Poll Tax.

One man who played an important part in the improvement at Chelsea is Chief Superintendent Eamonn Sheridan. He joined us a couple of weeks before the trauma of Middlesbrough, which did nothing to help either the Club or the personal relationship between him and myself.

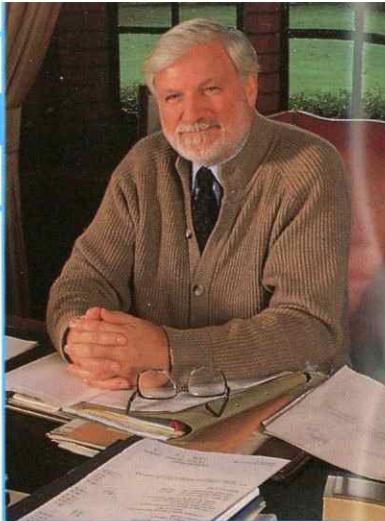
However, over the three years he has been at Stamford Bridge we have developed a professional organisation dedicated to ensure the safety of all spectators, so much so that Chelsea complied with most of the Hillsborough recommendations before that disaster happened.

He has also played a major role in the planning for the new Stamford Bridge, the police being consulted at every step of the way and the advice, proposals and, indeed, alternative ideas to solve the apparent impasse which arose from time to time has been most positive.

Now, the beggar's leaving — he thinks that three years at the Fulham nick is enough for anybody. No more Notting Hill Carnival for him, my lad, as they say!

That's the bad news. The good news is that he is retiring to join the Football Licensing Authority. That will do me — it means that we will have a positive, practical approach to football's problems in our area. I wish him well.

ANOTHER colleague left us last week, unfortunately in different and most tragic circumstances. Roy Etheridge, the quiet, mild-mannered steward who worked around the Trophy Room, was buried on Thursday. Roy started to lose his sight last season and



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

man in the street to subsidise the privileged few who want to hear some fat middle-aged frump screeching her heart out in Aida! It's enough to make you turn Socialist!

Lamont — Stormin' Norman he ain't but, I don't think we've heard the last of this one. We need all that money to help rebuild our grounds. If the original 25-year-old advice had been heeded then probably Hillsborough and Bradford would never have happened!

SEASON-TICKET payments for next season continue to roll in at a much higher rate than last year and, encouragingly, there are a large number of newcomers in the list. If you would like to become a season-ticket holder and haven't received the application form, please get one from the office.

NATURALLY when prices go up I receive queries, particularly this year when two events compounded the size of the increase.

First, there are, of course, two additional League matches next year. As you know, the price has previously included five home cup matches, credit being given in the following renewal price for games not played — usually two or three depending on the luck of the draw. This season we played seven, accordingly there is no credit to be carried forward.

— Pity!

Add on inflation, the cost of items that rise well above the rate of inflation — police charges (are you listening Eamonn?), elec-

tricity, gas, water (we use a lot of that when we can get it through the pipes), telephones, rates and, most of all, players' wages — and you need a lot of money even before the latest safety requirements are tabled.

ONE final point for the season-ticket holders in the East Stand who have written following my letter about the re-seating and consequent new configuration. We are currently preparing plans which will show the impact on current season-ticket seats held.

When these are complete I would like you to come in if you so wish and see the changes, but we can't do that until our proposals are approved by the Hammersmith and Fulham Council. We are pushing the relevant officers as hard as we can but we are dealing with a hard-up, understaffed and overworked organisation who also have to deal with Fulham and Q.P.R.

We will hopefully give details in the May Bridge News or the Liverpool programme.

FINALLY, whatever the gate today, we'll be 200 light. Last Thursday we were requested to provide a few seats for the Gurkha battalion that arrived in Aldershot en route home from Iraq. We said 'Bring the lot' but unfortunately a change of plan means that they have left already.

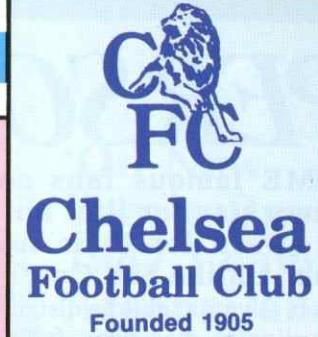
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PERSONALITY SPOT

SOME famous fans come and go, others stay for life. But few receive an award for their support of the club. Unlike Seb Coe.

Seb, Olympic middle distance champion extraordinaire, has been following the Blues from the late 60's and has proved a more than able ambassador for the club ever since.

Following his 1984 gold medal triumph in the 1500 metres at the Los Angeles Olympics, he received a tribute from Chelsea for his outstanding contributions to athletics, "together with his loyal support of Chelsea Football Club for many years".

Now the prospective MP for Falmouth and the champion of London's year 2000 Olympic bid, Coe first came to The Bridge for a London derby.

Says Seb: "As I was born in West London, the geographical field narrowed the choice down to four clubs. It could have been picturesque Craven Cottage; it could have been Loftus Road; at a push it could have been Brentford.

"On New Year's Day 1967 I saw Arsenal at Stamford Bridge, and it has been Chelsea for me ever since.

"By the time I had come to take my seat in the old West Stand, the Chelsea odyssey had already been struck. Following the club could be as frustrating as chasing spilt mercury across a laboratory table."

GLORIOUS UNPREDICTABILITY

I've never heard it described like that before but we all know what he means. And Seb feels that it is the intrinsic quality of supplying the ultimate highs and lows, that only the Blues can provide, that has kept him faithful over the years.

"In a few short years, I replaced objectivity with blind passion," adds Seb. "Chelsea has instilled in its followers a sense of the glorious unpredictability of football, the humour and cruelty that can both excite and devastate in ninety minutes."

SEB COE

Olympic champion, prospective Tory MP and the man behind London's Games bid

By NICK CALLOW

Chelsea won that game against Arsenal 2-1, Alan Birchenall scoring twice, and Seb had started his Chelsea 'career' at a fruitful time for the club. That team included Seb's all-time Blue — Ron Harris.

"Players like Ossie (that's Peter Osgood for the younger fans) and, later on, Alan Hudson were a different class," he says. "But I've always admired 'Chopper' because of his character and all-round contribution."

Seb's finances now extend to the price of a season ticket, but it wasn't always the case.

He honed his athletic and mental skills at Loughborough University as an impoverished student. He claims he used to starve himself to pay for the trips to watch Chelsea every Saturday.

Seb has had his share of playing the game, too. But he would never claim to be one of those youngsters tragically lost to the world



'On New Year's Day 1967 I saw Arsenal at Stamford Bridge . . . and it has been Chelsea for me ever since'

A TRIBUTE FROM THE BLUES

SEB COE holds the framed tribute from the Club, following his 1984 gold medal success in the Olympic 1500 metres at Los Angeles.

of football: "I played for my school team on the right wing, but unfortunately I would never have made the grade as a footballer.

"By the time I was about 14 or 15, I was having far more success in athletics, so it didn't take me long to decide to concentrate on running."

You would have to say that Seb made the right choice — his numerous world records, gold medals and epic clashes with Steve Ovett stand as testament to that.

But Seb did once convert his skills to the Chelsea training ground for a head-to-head with Clive Walker. Seb has always been an admirer of Kerry Dixon's speed off the mark, but he had to hand it to Clive.

He says: "The fastest man at Stamford

Bridge then was Clive. I raced him in a 60 metres dash. I won't tell you who won, but we were both dipping for the tape."

Olympic medals may be beyond Seb now, but he is no doubt heading the field in his new race for the top. As big name behind London's Olympic bid, which includes an exciting redevelopment plan for the Docklands area, Seb should put that claim out in front.

And no doubt, come the next general election, Seb will be swelling the Chelsea ranks in the House of Commons. At the rate they're going, they will soon be able to field a Chelsea MPs' team.

But rumours that they are changing one side of the House into a replica of the Shed have yet to be confirmed — despite the noise levels.

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Bridge View with COLIN HUTCHINSON



Transfer dealings nosedived by nearly £20m in the last year. The total spent on players during the last 12 months was £52.2m compared with £71.8m for the previous year. These F.L. statistics confirm what we already knew, that the transfer market is in recession and is likely to continue to decline. Clubs are facing frightening expenditure to implement Taylor and all-seater by 1994. The estimated cost for F.L. Clubs to comply is a staggering £650m. It is impossible to see how football is going to raise the funds, and undoubtedly there will be Club casualties. Interestingly, the near £20m shortfall in player spending over the last year was put into ground improvements. Clubs' outlay on stadia in 1990 was £18.9m. We are all for better facilities for spectators, as evidenced by our re-development plans and our 7 year battle to stay at Stamford Bridge. Nevertheless, there is an underlying concern among Clubs and supporters that the capital expenditure — and ensuing debts — on stadia will almost inevitably, with a few exceptions, mean that starved of resources on the field the game will suffer. Fans can reel off the Clubs whose playing fortunes have dipped following new stand building exercises. Chelsea and the East Stand is a classic example. New and improved stadia are long overdue but they will quickly become morgues if the price to pay for achieving is a struggling team.

The cost of implementing Taylor will nearly certainly achieve what some have advocated for years, the streamlining of the League. The other danger is that there will be a massed exodus of the best players because English Clubs won't have the funds for transfers or to compete with European teams on players' wages. More Government money has got to be channelled into facilities. The 2.5% reduction in Pool Betting Tax is welcome but only a drop in the ocean. Football Clubs are community assets. New Stadia should have more community involve-

ment. Seven days a week utilisation should be the target. Government at central and local level should be providing the facilities allowing Clubs, like on the Continent, to rent for matches. More ground sharing is inevitable. Often tradition is against such schemes but in many cases it will be the only way Clubs will survive and prosper. Does London really need 10 grounds for 11 Clubs? Does it make sense for the Nottingham and Bristol clubs to all have separate grounds? Wouldn't it be good economics for even Liverpool and Everton to share one ground? Let's have facilities to match the 21st Century but we must be careful the cost of providing does not wreck the game of football.

The chances are that we will have our lowest League gate of the season today. It won't come as any real surprise for that's what we predicted last June, forecasting 13,000. The visit of Luton a year ago also produced our smallest League gate of the 89/90 campaign, 13,114. This season we budgeted for average attendances of 21,062. Before today we were averaging 20,883 — only 219 average down on the budget — despite the predictable drop in gates following the disappointment of the Rumbelows semi final exit.

This season's highest League gate at The Bridge is 33,478 for Spurs in December. Even with Liverpool still to come, for the final home game, it is likely to remain the best of 90/91 but was surpassed by Tottenham (34,178) and Sheffield Wednesday (34,074) in the Rumbelows.

Because of the F.L. computer and the blank Saturday (April 27) for international preparation, there is a one month gap to the next and last home match against Liverpool on Saturday, May 4th. The game is not all ticket, and seat tickets are on sale today.



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AT THE BRIDGE TODAY . . .

WELCOME TO LUTON



by
JOHN
PRICE



LUTON enter the season's final straight in a plight that has become all too familiar over the past two years — fighting for their First Division lives.

Last May, **Jim Ryan's** side escaped the drop after a last-day victory at Derby. It looks very much as if their fate will go down to the wire again this season.

One of the main causes of his young side's recent run of disappointing results, says Ryan, has been a lack of experience.

Over the past 12 months, Luton have sold former captain Danny Wilson, midfielder Mick Kennedy, highly-rated full-back Tim Breacker and most recently Northern Ireland international striker Iain Dowie.

With an absence of transfer funds, Luton have replaced those star players with young talent such as **Mark Pembridge**, **Jason Rees** and **Marvin Johnson**.

Luton made an encouraging, if inconsistent, start to the season and a 2-0 victory over Chelsea on December 29 took them to the heady heights of 12th place.

But since the turn of the year, Luton's form has trailed off badly. They have won only three of 13 subsequent League games.

Ryan is confident his young side will stay up — but frayed nerves are already beginning to show.

In the goalless draw against Spurs on Easter Monday, Luton wasted a number of scoring chances, including a penalty from skipper John Dreyer.

To add to their problems, former trainee and full-back Johnson, 22, was sent off for two bookable offences and will miss their crucial home game against Sunderland, the team just below them, on April 20.

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 start.

LARS ELSTRUP



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 (now with West Ham), Andy Petterson, Alec Chamberlain, Graham Rodger, Darron McDonough, John Faulker (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.

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.

Graham Rodger and **John Dreyer** have formed the central defensive partnership in recent matches.

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

Rodger, 23, returned to the Luton side against QPR on February 2 after a 15-month absence through an ankle injury sustained in only his second game for the club, following a £150,000 move from Coventry in July 1989.

Former Scottish Under-21 international **Dave Beaumont**, 27, a £150,000 buy from Dundee United in January 1989, and former Luton youth product full-back **Julian James**, 20, have also featured in the Luton defence this season.

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 Pembridge**, 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.

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 13 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, and is the club's top scorer with 17 goals. 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 in January, and shared the title of top goal scorer.

Kurt Nogan, 20, the Welsh Under-21 international striker, has made several first-team appearances this season, while **Paul Holsgrave**, a 21-year-old midfielder signed for £25,000 from non-League Wokingham Town in January, made his club debut as a substitute against QPR on February 2.

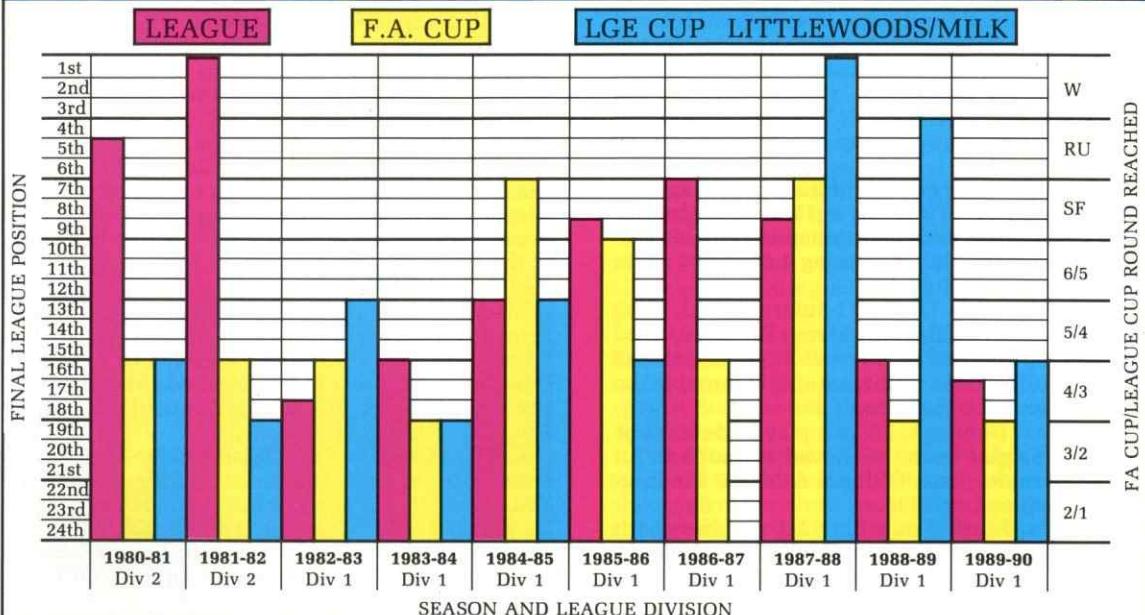
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LUTON'S FACTS AND FIGURES

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 2	Southampton	2-1	14,878	Elstrup 2
Sep 4	Man. Utd	0-1	12,574	
Sep 8	Leeds	1-0	10,588	Black
Sep 15	QPR	1-6	10,186	Hughes
Sep 22	Coventry	1-0	8,120	Dowie
Sep 25	Bradford (RC)	1-1	12,794	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	15,000	Black
Nov 10	Liverpool	0-4	35,207	
Nov 17	Man. City	2-2	9,561	Dreyer, Dowie
Nov 24	Aston Villa	2-0	10,071	Elstrup, Black
Dec 1	Notm. Forest	2-2	16,498	Elstrup 2
Dec 8	Arsenal	1-1	12,505	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	Chesterfield	2-0	11,050	Black, Cundy og
Jan 1	Wimbledon	0-2	4,521	
Jan 5	Sheffield Utd FA	3-1	13,891	Elstrup 2, Johnson
Jan 12	Southampton	3-4	9,021	James, Elstrup, Dreyer
Jan 19	Leeds	3-2	27,510	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
Feb 18	Chelsea ZDS	1-1	3,849	Dreyer
(After extra time. Won 4-1 on pens)				
Feb 23	Liverpool	3-1	12,032	Dowie 2, Black
Feb 26	Crystal Palace ZDS	1-3	7,170	Rees
Mar 2	Notm. Forest	1-0	9,577	Dowie
Mar 5	Man. City	0-3	20,904	
Mar 9	Aston Villa	2-1	20,587	Mountfield og, Pembridge
Mar 12	Coventry	1-2	9,521	Rodger
Mar 16	Norwich	0-1	8,604	
Mar 23	Man. Utd	1-4	11,752	Preece
Mar 30	Sheff. Utd	1-2	18,487	Elstrup
Apr 1	Tottenham	0-0	11,322	

LUTON'S TEN-YEAR RECORD



ROLL OF HONOUR

FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Division 2 — Champions 1981-82.

Runners-up 1954-55, 1973-74.

Division 3 — Runners-up 1969-70.

Division 3 (S) — Champions 1936-37.

Runners-up 1935-36.

Division 4 — Champions 1967-68.

FA CUP: Runners-up 1959.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP: Winners 1987-88.

Runners-up 1988-89.

SIMOD CUP: Runners-up 1988.

GOAL POWER

Score at:	15	30	HT	60	75	MINS	FT
1990-91	0-0	0-1	0-1	2-1	2-1	3-1	
Liverpool	1-1	1-1	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-3	
Crystal Palace	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Notm. Forest	0-0	0-1	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-3	
Man. City	0-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	2-1	2-1	
Aston Villa	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-2	
Coventry	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-2	
Norwich	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	
Man. Utd	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-2	1-3	1-4	
Sheffield Utd.	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-2	1-2	
Tottenham	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
No of goals scored between:							
0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90		
2	1	2	2	1	2		
No of goals conceded between:							
2	3	3	3	3	3		

RECORD BREAKERS

AGGREGATE GOALSCORER: Gordon Turner scored 243 League goals for Luton between 1952 and 1964. He also hit another 22 in cup-ties.

RECORD SCORER IN SEASON: Joe Payne scored 55 League goals, plus three in the F.A. Cup, in 1936/37.

SCORER IN MATCH: Joe Payne is the only man ever to score ten goals in a League match. In a Third Division (South) match, Joe was switched to centre-forward in an experiment, and scored ten times against Bristol Rovers in his first game in his new position in April 1936.

APPEARANCES: Bob Morton played 494 League games for Luton between 1949 and 1964 and appeared in 55 other competitive games.

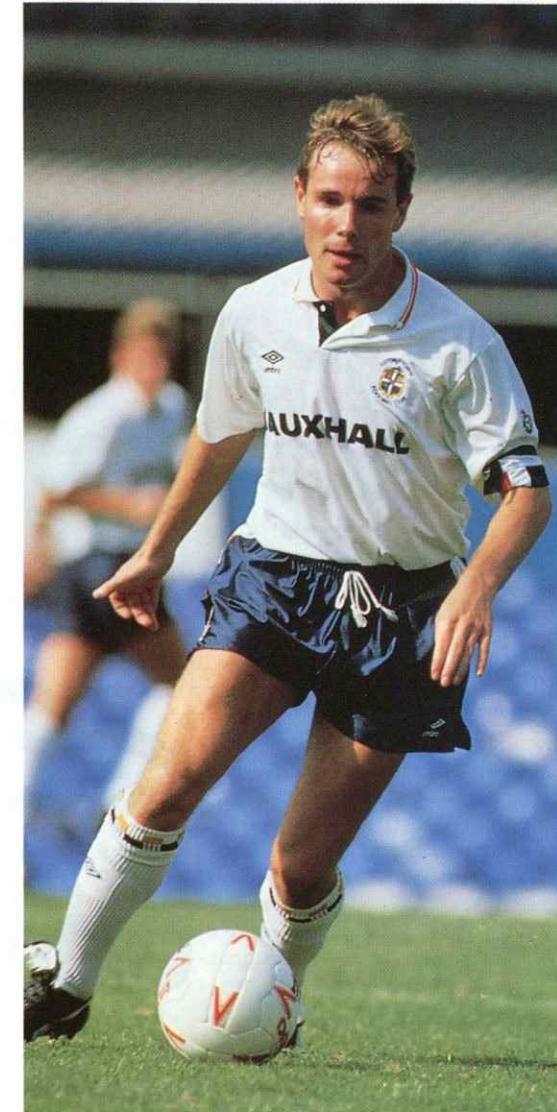
MOST CAPPED: Mal Donaghy smashed all previous club records when playing in 58 internationals for N. Ireland as a Luton player.

YOUNGEST PLAYER: Mike O'Hara was 16 years and 22 days old when making his League debut for Luton against Stoke in October 1960.

OLDEST: When he made his final appearance against Tottenham in October 1947, Dally Duncan had reached the age of 39 years and 11 days.

VICTORY: 12-0 v Bristol Rovers in a Third Division (South) match in April 1936.

DEFEATS: 0-9 v Small Heath (now Birmingham) in a Second Division game in November 1898.



MANAGERS

Charlie Green 1901-28, George Thomson 1925, John McCartney 1927-29, George Kay 1929-31, Harold Wightman 1931-35, Ted Liddell 1936-38, Neil McBain 1938-39, George Martin 1939-47.

Dally Duncan 1947-58, Syd Owen 1959-60, Sam Bartram 1960-62, Bill Harvey 1962-64, George Martin 1965-66, Allan Brown 1966-68, Alec Stock 1968-72.

Harry Haslam 1972-78, David Pleat 1978-86, John Moore 1986-87, Ray Harford 1987-89, Jim Ryan 1989-

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PLAYER IN THE STAMFORD BRIDGE SPOTLIGHT

BLUES STAR

DAVID LEE

BRISTOL-BORN David joined the club as a junior and at the age of 21 is already a familiar face to Chelsea followers. One of the first youngsters given his chance by Bobby Campbell, David has amassed 87 first-team appearances, scoring eight goals.

Bobby first saw David play before he was Chelsea manager. It was in a youth game against QPR and David lined up alongside Jason Cundy in the heart of the Blues' defence. Bobby recognised even then that Chelsea had a player for the future.

David made his first-team debut, as substitute, in October 1988 against Leicester City, and he wasted no time in making his mark by scoring in a 2-1 win.

Three more goals that season and a fair run in the side, established David as a player of first-team quality. He had to wait until 1990 for his England Under-21 debut, when he took the field against France.

But this season, his chances have been restricted. "I haven't started a first-team game since last year and I admit that it has been frustrating training all week and not getting a game on Saturday.

"But I have just got to keep working hard and hope I get my chance."

At 6ft 3in, he is instinctively cast as the typical tall British central defender — commanding in the air and first in the tackle. But David's lofty frame disguises his ability on the ball.

There are few defenders with his skill. Coming forward, he has the ability to feed the attack and beat men, too. His lanky strides take him past the opposition in an instant.

He scored on the opening day of the season at home to Derby County and, two weeks later, against Sunderland, he supplied the cross from the by-line for Kerry Dixon's first goal of the season.

"I prefer playing at the back but I will play wherever I can for the club," he said.

Last week, he earned his fifth Under-21 cap, playing in the midfield against the Republic of Ireland. It is a mark of his ability that he can hold his own



as an international midfielder — in an England squad which featured four Chelsea players and listed Jason Cundy as a scorer in an emphatic 3-0 victory.

"It was a bonus to me, not having been in the first team for a while," David said.

"I was surprised to play but hopeful that I had done enough in the previous Under-21 match to keep my place.

"It was nice to play alongside Damian Matthew in the midfield because he likes to pass the ball, like me."

By the age of 20, David had made more than 50 first-team appearances but he is the first to note that he was not the complete player.

A defender has, it seems, more to learn than other players — one mistake and it could mean a goal. You will often see a young pairing in attack but rarely in defence.

This week, however, he was brushing up on his midfield skills — simply by watching Glenn Hoddle back in action for Chelsea's reserves against Watford.

"He is different class," enthused David, "and he has been for years. It was great to see him back in action."

NICK CALLOW

DAVID IN ACTION — TURN TO CENTRE PAGES



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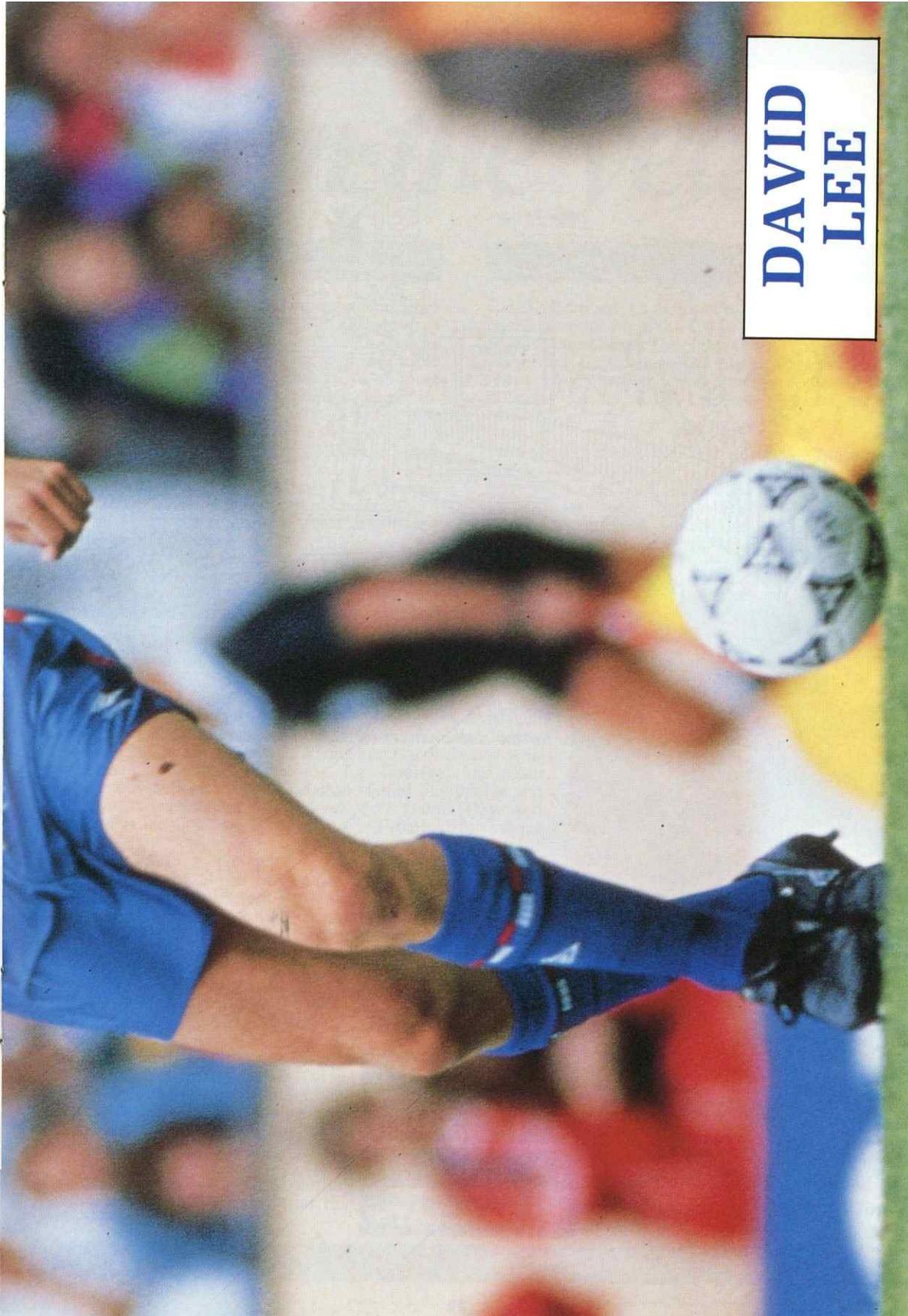
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IT HAPPENED TO CHELSEA & LUTON

down the years

25 YEARS AGO:

CHELSEA were forced to play five League matches in 12 days because of a backlog. They lost 2-0 at Leeds but then beat West Ham 6-2, with George Graham and Bobby Tambling scoring a couple each. Tambling then scored the only goal at home to Nottingham Forest in Barry Bridges' final appearance for the club. A 2-1 win at Forest the following day was followed by a 2-0 reverse at Sunderland.

Luton earned a point from a 2-2 draw at Colchester, the Fourth Division leaders. Richard Edwards and Ray Whittaker scored Luton's goals, Whittaker from the penalty spot.

10 YEARS AGO:

CHELSEA'S unfortunate run of form showed no sign of abating. Cardiff, Chelsea's conquerors in the League Cup second round, returned to Stamford Bridge and stole a 1-0 win. Then Chelsea travelled to Oldham and came away with a goalless draw — the fifth successive match that the Blues had failed to score.

Luton lost 1-3 in a Second Division match at Sheffield Wednesday. Godfrey Ingram scored their goal. It was Luton's first defeat in six matches.

5 YEARS AGO:

CHELSEA drew 1-1 at home to Ipswich with a David Speedie goal. Hornchurch-born full-back Terry Howard made his only appearance of the season in front of debutant goalkeeper Tony Godden. The Blues then travelled to Old Trafford and ended Manchester United's title dream with a 2-1 success, Kerry Dixon scoring both goals.

Mick Harford scored both **Luton's** goals in a 2-0 win at Birmingham. With 23 goals so far that season, Harford was Luton's leading marksman.

20 YEARS AGO:

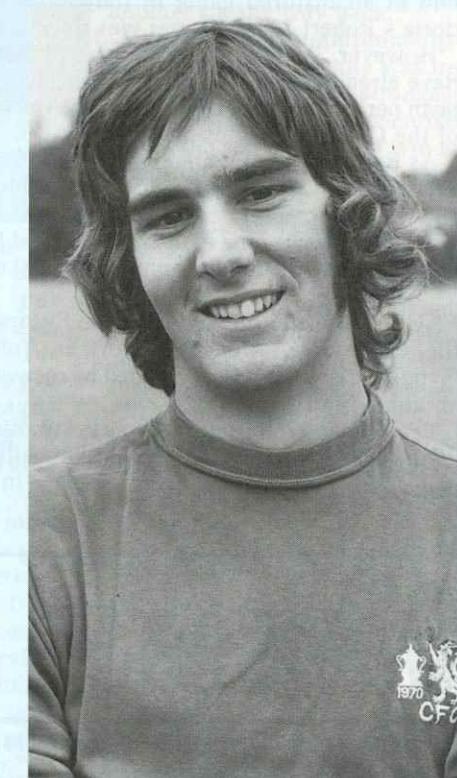
CHELSEA drew 1-1 at home to Crystal Palace and beat Liverpool 1-0 in the League and then came up against Manchester City in the Cup Winners' Cup semi-final first leg at Stamford Bridge. South African-born striker Derek Smethurst scored the only goal to set up an intriguing second leg at Maine Road.

Luton found themselves two down in 22 minutes in a Second Division game at home to Birmingham. But they fought back to equalise before half-time, thanks to two goals from Viv Busby. Three minutes into the second-half, Alan Slough put Luton ahead and they went on to win 3-2.

15 YEARS AGO:

THE BLUES went into drawing overdrive, starting with 0-0 at home to Fulham. Four days later, promotion candidates Bristol City were held 2-2 at Ashton Gate, Kenny Swain and Garry Stanley scoring for Chelsea, and then Luton visited The Bridge and drew 2-2. David Hay and Steve Finnieston were Chelsea's scorers.

Luton's outside hope of winning promotion from the Second Division was badly dented when they lost 0-3 at Blackburn.



STEVE FINNIESTON . . . scored in the 2-2 draw with Luton in 1976.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? SEE PAGE 25

THE EUROPEAN TOURNAMENTS

MANCHESTER UNITED, Britain's sole survivor in Europe, could not wish for a better chance to reach the Cup Winners' Cup Final.

They were rewarded for their fine 3-1 aggregate success over French club Montpellier with a two-legged semi-final against Polish side Legia Warsaw. The first leg will be played in Poland on Wednesday.

By coming out of the hat straight after Legia, United avoided the other two awesome semi-finalists — Juventus and Barcelona.

But Legia should not be treated lightly. They accounted for Luxembourg side Swift Hesperange 6-0 on aggregate and then beat United manager Alex Ferguson's former club Aberdeen, 1-0.

And in the quarter-finals they saw off the holders from Italy, Sampdoria, 3-2 on aggregate.

Legia, though, will not be at full strength for the first leg at their 35,000-capacity stadium. While United are without England captain Bryan Robson (suspended after two yellow cards against Montpellier), the Poles' loss is more significant.

Their goalkeeper Maciej Szczesny, towards the end of an inspired game in Italy, struck Sampdoria's Robert Mancini and was duly sent off.

However, Legia will still be hard to beat. They have already surpassed their best previous European performance when they reached the last eight of the Champions' Cup in 1969-70.

As Bobby Charlton, a member of United's 1968 Champions' Cup-winning side at Wembley, said: "This match cannot be taken for granted. In 1966, we thought we had the easier draw against Partizan Belgrade, but we couldn't pull back a 2-0 deficit."

ENGLAND'S other main interest in Europe, lies in the Champions' Cup with former Tottenham favourite Chris Waddle, provided he recovers from an ankle injury.

The England international was in stunning form in the last round against AC Milan, hitting the volley that guaranteed Marseille's place in the last four.

UNITED ARE LOOKING GOOD FOR A PLACE IN THE FINAL

(AND CHRIS WADDLE CAN MAKE IT, TOO)

By STEPHEN DAVIES

The match, however, was marred by Milan's "walk-off" in the dying minutes when a floodlight failed. The upshot of their indiscretion is that the holders have now been banned from Europe for a year.

Marseille now meet Spartak Moscow in the semi-finals. The Russians, at home in the first leg, beat Real Madrid in the quarter-finals, a defeat that cost Alfredo di Stefano his job as Madrid manager.

The other semi-final is between Bayern-Munich, for whom Scottish international Alan McInally will hope to play, and the impressive Red Star Belgrade.

THE UEFA CUP looks to be heading for an all-Italian final.

AS Roma, with West German international Rudi Völler in top form, meet Brondby of Denmark, while Internazionale, with three of Völler's World Cup-winning team-mates — Matthäus, Klinsmann and Brehme — play Sporting Lisbon.

Brondby have surprised many people by reaching the last four. The Danish side become that country's first European semi-finalists, a feat of which they can be rightly proud.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

By Albert Sewell

JOHNNY McNICHOL

WHEN Ted Drake became Chelsea manager in the summer of 1952, he moved quickly into the transfer market and the first player he signed as he set about building the team that won the League title three years later was Johnny McNichol, from Brighton.

The fee of £12,000 was money well spent. For not only did the dark-haired Scot personally contribute 14 goals to the Championship triumph — his creative skill was responsible for many of the 21 scored by skipper Roy Bentley.

During his six seasons in Chelsea blue, McNichol played 202 first-team games and scored 66 goals. He left in March 1958 for Crystal Palace and, after ending his playing days there, went into Palace's commercial department.

Johnny, born at Kilmarnock in 1925, came to English football with Newcastle on leaving the Royal Navy in 1946, and his career took off when he moved to Brighton two years later.

He has lived on the Sussex coast ever since and says: "Yes, I've been bad news for the removal men. For the last 12 years, I've been back with the Brighton club, fund-raising. That's an essential part of our income, and although selling tickets every week has got more difficult, the fans here respond very well.

"Of course, the finances of football nowadays in no way relate to those in my playing



This picture was taken on August 2, 1952 — the day JOHNNY McNICHOL put pen to paper and became Ted Drake's first signing for Chelsea. He was to play a leading part in the League Championship coming to Stamford Bridge three years later.

days. We were never on more than £20 a week, and you couldn't do better anywhere else.

"I hadn't been long down from Newcastle when Manchester City came in for me, but I refused to move. We were just settling at Brighton and, for the same wages, there was no point in uprooting the family again."

So how come he DID leave the Albion after four years for

Chelsea? With hardly a trace of his Scottish accent gone after all this time down South, Johnny says: "At first, I wasn't all that keen. But Ted Drake was a very decent man. Persuasive, too, and I was moving up from Third Division to First, while still being able to live at Brighton and to continue running my newsagent's shop and sub-post office near the ground.

"Stan Willemse, the left-back, had already made the same move to Stamford Bridge, and the three of us — Stan, winger Eric Parsons and I — used to travel up on the train to Victoria every day. That's when I learned to play solo — there was always a card school on the way up and another on the way back."

During the Championship-winning season, Johnny was involved in one of the strangest goals Chelsea have ever scored. It was the second in a 3-1 win at home to Leicester City just before Christmas.

As his shot rebounded off the crossbar, the ball dropped between two opponents, Stan Milburn and Jack Foggatt. They both lunged at it, connected simultaneously, and the ball rocketed into the net.

It went down officially as "Milburn and Foggatt shared own goal", and remains the only instance of a goal being recorded like that.

Going back to those days, Johnny says: "I still see Stan Willemse and Eric Parsons down this way occasionally, and the good times we had with Chelsea always come into the conversation.

"In one way, I suppose, that remains the best Chelsea team of all time. We've got the League medals to prove it."

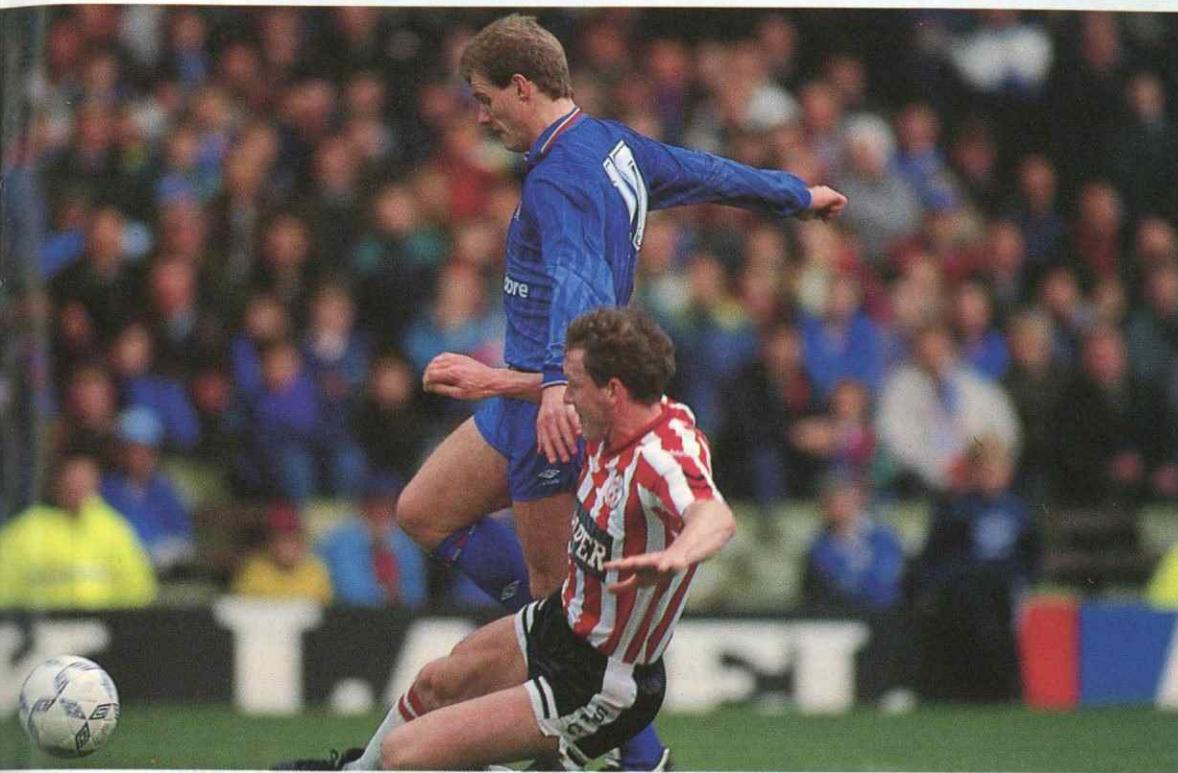
BLUES

Action Replay

v SOUTHAMPTON

GRAHAM STUART (below) is in charge of the encounter against Southampton. Gordon Durie (top right) came out on top of this challenge and Tony Dorigo, though grounded, beats the Saints (bottom right).

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Reserve and Youth NEWS



With FRANK SIBLEY

CRYSTAL PALACE 1, CHELSEA 0
A DISAPPOINTING week in terms of results but not in the way we played. Our attitude was first rate and I have been particularly encouraged by the performances of some new youngsters.

We were without several of the more experienced players for this game, including the two Kevins — Wilson and McAllister.

It gave me a chance to test out a few younger players such as Ian Pearce and Andy Myers, both of whom acquitted themselves well. Ian was playing at centre half against Palace — two days later he was playing in attack.

Palace are a side on a good run; they entered this match after 14 games unbeaten. It was always going to be difficult but, overall, we coped well.

We held on until three minutes from time when they snatched the winner. It was disappointing after all the hard work and running.

In the first half, Graeme Le Saux had one excellent shot and also hit a post. After the break, Erland Johnsen had an attempt cleared off the line.

Sadly, Eddie Newton fractured his hand in the first half and may be out of action for a while.

CHELSEA: Freestone, Hall, Pearce, Johnsen, Sinclair, Barnard, Burley, Myers, Le Saux, Mitchell, Newton.

OXFORD 2, CHELSEA 2
WE had an even more depleted side for this game, but again the youngsters showed their worth. There were some very encouraging signs of the future.

Again, however, we were undone by a late goal just when it looked as if we would hold on for a well-earned victory.

We took the lead through an own goal after 20 minutes. Darren Barnard made a good run and crossed behind their defence. They were back pedalling and put into their net.

There were plenty of chances to increase the lead. Zeke Rowe was unlucky with a very good shot, as was Ian Pearce.

Craig Burley forced a good save from their 'keeper, but Oxford hit a post in what became an end-to end game.

Oxford equalised, when they caught us napping 20 minutes into the second half. But Zeke Rowe struck straight back when he latched on to a loose back pass and shot past the 'keeper.

I was particularly pleased for Zeke, scoring on his debut. Jeremy Davies and substitute Jim Bradley also made impressive first appearances.

We held on to the lead until, once again, three minutes from time, when they equalised after we failed to clear.

So we ended the week dropping five points from a possible six. But I was not disappointed with our attitude in any quarter.

CHELSEA: Freestone, Hall (sub Bradley), Johnsen, Sinclair, Le Saux, Barnard, Burley, Davies, Myers, Pearce, Rowe.

RESERVE TEAM GOALSCORERS 1990-91 (up to & incl. Tue. Apr. 2nd)

	Ovenden	Comb.	M.S.C.C.
BARNARD	7	—	
BURLEY	5	—	
DICKENS	5	—	
LEE	—	2	
MATTHEW	3	—	
MCALLISTER	10	1	
MITCHELL	3	—	
MONKOU	1	—	
MYERS	1	1	
NEWTON	10	1	
PEARCE	1	—	
ROWE	1	—	
SINCLAIR	1	—	
STUART	14	1	
WILSON	7	3	
WISE	1	—	
Own Goal	2	—	

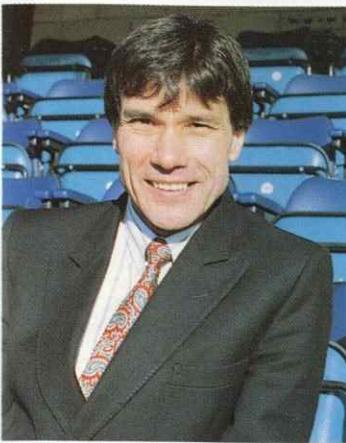
OVENDEN COMBINATION LEAGUE TABLE 1990/91 (Up to and including April 2)

	Goals	P	W	D	L	F	Ag.	Pts.
Tottenham	31	20	3	8	5	9	35	63
CHELSEA	30	19	4	7	7	22	35	61
Wimbledon	28	18	5	5	5	1	24	59
Arsenal	31	16	7	8	5	6	44	55
Crystal Palace	28	15	8	5	6	2	34	53
Portsmouth	29	14	8	7	5	6	32	50
Southampton	30	14	8	10	4	9	44	48
Luton	31	12	7	12	5	4	43	43
Norwich	29	11	9	9	4	5	40	42
Millwall	31	11	8	12	5	7	51	41
Q.P.R.	30	11	7	12	5	2	52	40
Ipswich	33	10	7	16	3	7	51	37
West Ham	27	11	3	13	4	5	57	36
Oxford	31	10	5	16	4	6	49	35
Brighton	30	9	6	15	3	7	51	33
Charlton	27	9	5	13	3	8	35	32
Swindon	29	8	7	14	4	6	58	31
Fulham	29	8	4	17	3	2	59	28
Watford	29	6	8	15	3	5	70	26
Reading	31	4	5	22	2	1	21	70

OVENDEN PAPERS FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1990/91

		F A
Aug 29	Ipswich	H 3-1
Sept 1	Tottenham	A 0-2
11	Luton	H 5-3
18	Brighton	H 6-1
Oct 2	Q.P.R.	H 1-0
6	Portsmouth	A 1-0
10	Norwich	A 1-2
16	Wimbledon	H 0-1
20	Luton	A 2-1
23	Q.P.R.	A 1-0
Nov 8	West Ham	A 5-1
10	Ipswich	A 4-1
13	Swindon	H 3-1
19	Brighton	A 0-1
27	Charlton	A 0-3
Dec 4	Wimbledon	A 0-1
19	Swindon	A 4-0
Jan 22	Millwall	H 6-1
26	Southampton	A 2-1
29	Arsenal	H 1-1
Feb 19	West Ham	H 4-3
26	Norwich	H 2-2
28	Watford	A 5-2
Mar 5	Arsenal	A 3-1
7	Fulham	A 1-1
12	Charlton	H 2-0
19	Reading	H 3-0
27	Crystal Palace	A 0-1
Apr 2	Watford	H 5-1
9	Portsmouth	H
15	Fulham	H
17	Crystal Palace	H
23	Southampton	H
25	Reading	A
30	Oxford	H
May 2	Tottenham	H
6	Millwall	A

	Dec 6	(3) Brook House	A 6-0
Mar 14	(4) Wembley	A 3-2	
Apr 10	(SF) Hayes	A	



With DAVE COLLYER

MILLWALL 0, CHELSEA 1
IT WAS a good game against a strong Millwall side. They were physical and moved the ball well, but we coped admirably.

We controlled the game for the first 20 minutes, playing good passing football, and took the lead through Neil Shipperley. The ball was knocked over the back of their defence, Neil ran on to it and hit an excellent dipping volley.

Millwall came back at us and were on top up to half-time, but we still managed to create chances.

B. Scott had one good effort as did Andy Myers. Scott is another schoolboy in the side. He was playing for the injured Craig Norman.

Lee Faulkner also had a good opportunity and should have done better.

Up front, Zeke Rowe and Shipperley gave us a good platform to

NEIL PIPS MILLWALL

build on, Metcalfe and McLennan were creative in midfield.

It was an especially good result when you realise that Millwall had already beaten us twice this season and are in the semi-finals of the FA Youth Cup.

The progress of the youngsters has been very good this season. Myers and Ian Pearce are now appearing regularly in the reserve team and when they played Oxford, Jim Bradley and Rowe joined them to make it four Youth team players in the line-up.

We try to play in a pattern throughout the club so that the players can make as comfortable a transition as possible.

I'm very pleased to see them coming through, though they might find it physically demanding at the moment.

CHELSEA: Chatfield, Davies, Forrester, Martin (Metcalfe), Pearce, McLennan, Shipperley, Myers, Faulkner, Rowe, Scott (Parsons).

YOUTH TEAM GOALSCORERS 1990-91 (up to & incl. Sat. Mar. 30th)

	League	Cups
BRADLEY	1	1
DAVIES J.	—	1
FAULKNER	1	1
FORRESTER	5	1
JAMES	5	8
MYERS	3	4
NORMAN	2	5
PEARCE	1	1
ROWE	6	4
SELL	1	—
SHIPPERLEY	2	—
SKIVERTON	—	1

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 1990/91 (Up to and including Sat. Mar 30th)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
West Ham	24	17	5	2	67	32	39
Tottenham	23	16	5	2	65	27	37
Arsenal	22	16	4	2	57	26	36
Gillingham	24	13	5	6	52	36	31
Leyton Orient	26	11	8	7	47	30	30
Millwall	24	12	4	8	45	37	28
Norwich	26	9	8	9	44	39	26
Charlton	25	8	8	9	46	48	24
Watford	22	8	5	9	39	27	21
Fulham	24	7	6	11	29	43	20
CHELSEA	22	6	5	11	27	39	17
QPR	24	6	5	13	26	46	17
Portsmouth	24	4	7	13	25	43	15
Southend	22	5	5	12	25	50	15
Ipswich	26	5	4	17	32	67	14
Cambridge	24	4	4	16	37	73	12

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FIXTURES 1990/91

		F A
Aug 25	Southend Utd	A 0-0
Sept 1	Q.P.R.	H 3-1
8	Fulham	A 0-2
22	Cambridge Utd	A 0-1
29	Norwich City	A 0-1
Oct 6	Portsmouth	A 2-0
13	Watford	A 1-3
27	West Ham Utd	A 1-3
Nov 3	Arsenal	H 1-0
10	Tottenham H.	A 2-2
17	Gillingham	A 1-2
24	Ipswich Town	H 4-1
Dec 1	Leyton Orient	H 0-6
8	Fulham	H 1-1
Jan 19	Norwich City	H 0-0
23	West Ham	H 1-2
Mar 2	Arsenal	A 3-5
9	Tottenham H.	H 0-2
16	Gillingham	H 2-2
23	Ipswich Town	A 1-2
30	Millwall	A 1-0
Apr 6	Leyton Orient	A
11	Watford	H
13	Charlton Ath.	H
20	Charlton Ath.	A
27	Q.P.R.	A
May 4	Southend Utd.	H
9	Portsmouth	H
11	Cambridge	H
	S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP	
Sept 15	(1) Q.P.R.	H 3-1
Oct 20	(2) Bournemouth	H 0-1
	SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP	
Sept 17	(1) Charlton Ath	A 1-1
24	(R) Charlton Ath	H 2-0
Nov 7	(2) Cambridge	A 5-2
Dec 17	(3) Millwall	A 0-2
	F.A. YOUTH CUP	
Dec 3	(2) Brentford	A 2-2
14	(R) Brentford	H 1-1
28	(2R) Brentford	

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PROFILE OF LUTON'S MANAGER

JIM RYAN masterminded one of the most dramatic relegation escape acts in First Division history four months after becoming Luton manager last season.

His appointment in January 1990 had been greeted with calls of "Jim Who?", but nobody doubted his credentials after Luton won their last three matches to stay up.

It was ironic that Ron Atkinson, the larger-than-life manager of Sheffield Wednesday, suffered his first experience of relegation as a result of Luton's survival.

In fairness, Jim's promotion from reserve team manager after the dismissal of Littlewoods Cup-winning manager Ray Harford was only a great surprise outside Luton.

Jim, a former Luton player, was a respected member of the coaching staff at Kenilworth Road and he had a prominent role in the development of Luton's promising batch of youngsters.

YOUTH'S CHANCE

He has not been afraid to give youth a chance in the First Division and players such as Mark Pembroke, Jason Rees, Kurt Nogan and Sean Farrell have all benefited from League exposure.

The build-up to his first match in charge — at Liverpool of all places — did not auger well. Jim was Luton's third manager in eight days — Terry Mancini had been in temporary control after Ray Harford's departure. Jim would have been forgiven for fearing the worst when he arrived at Anfield with his new side second-bottom in the First Division.

In the previous week, Luton had also been beaten 4-1 by Second Division Brighton in the FA Cup and seen the installation of a new chairman.

But, with the odds stacked against them, Luton drew 2-2 and were unlucky not to win. They led 2-1 with a goal by 19-year-old Kurt Nogan play-

CAN JIM PULL OFF ANOTHER HOUDINI ESCAPE?



By MARK DEMUTH

ing his first League game, but were denied their first win at Liverpool by a Steve Nicol equaliser 15 minutes from time.

Luton had to call on those reserves of spirit and tenacity in the closing weeks of the season. They had made progress under Jim, but remained in trouble as the season drew to a close.

Successive victories against Arsenal and FA Cup finalists Crystal Palace left Luton needing a win at Derby County and a Nottingham Forest win at Sheffield Wednesday on the last day of the season.

Forest played their part, winning 3-0 at Hillsborough, but Luton were made to walk an

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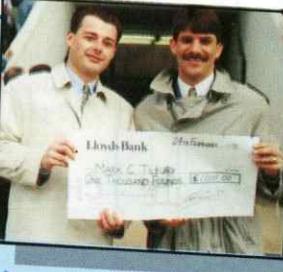
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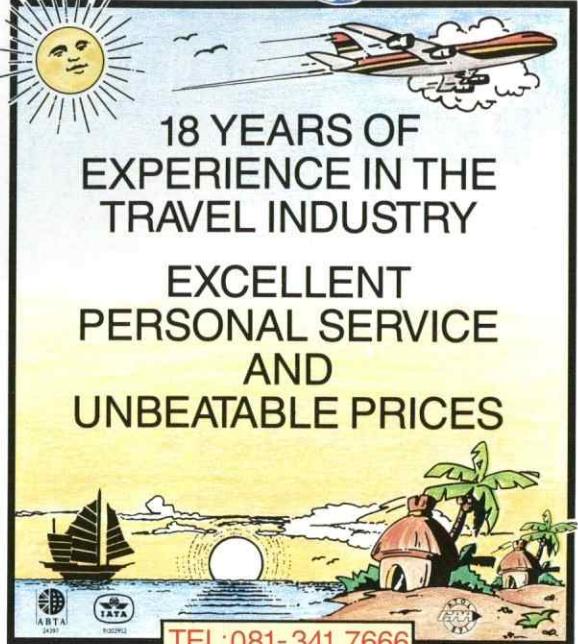
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JUMBLE NAMES: 1. Tony Dorigo, 2. Kingsley Black.

WHO IS IT? Graeme Le Saux.

STATISTICS

DIVISION ONE (Up to and including Apr. 3)

	Home						Away						Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
*Arsenal.....	31	12	3	0	38	6	8	7	1	20	7	68	
Liverpool.....	31	11	2	2	33	12	8	4	4	27	17	63	
Crystal Palace.....	32	9	4	2	22	17	8	3	6	21	21	58	
Leeds.....	30	10	2	3	34	13	5	5	5	14	18	52	
†Man. Utd.....	32	9	3	4	29	15	5	7	4	22	21	51	
Man. City.....	31	9	3	4	27	21	3	7	5	20	23	46	
Wimbledon.....	31	8	6	3	28	18	3	6	6	19	21	45	
Tottenham.....	30	7	7	2	29	18	3	5	6	12	20	42	
Everton.....	31	8	4	4	22	11	3	4	8	17	25	41	
CHELSEA.....	32	9	5	3	26	20	2	2	11	18	32	40	
Nottm. For.....	31	6	4	4	23	17	3	7	7	21	25	38	
Coventry.....	32	9	5	3	27	16	1	3	11	7	22	38	
Norwich.....	30	7	2	6	21	26	4	3	8	12	20	38	
Sheffield Utd.....	32	8	2	6	19	18	3	3	10	10	29	38	
Southampton.....	32	6	4	4	25	18	4	3	11	23	40	37	
Aston Villa.....	30	6	7	1	22	14	2	4	10	14	26	35	
Q.P.R.....	30	6	3	5	20	17	3	5	8	16	28	35	
Luton.....	32	6	4	5	19	15	3	1	13	17	39	32	
Sunderland.....	32	6	4	6	15	15	1	4	11	18	37	29	
Derby.....	29	2	8	6	17	30	2	0	11	9	27	20	

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

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

(Up to + including Mon. Apr. 1st)	1990-91		Chelsea Career		League	Total (Lge,PO,FAC, FLC,FMC)
	(Apps as sub in brackets)	Cups (FAC,RLC, ZDSC)	(Including apps as sub)	League		
Age	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls
BEASANT (32)	29	—	11	—	89	—
BUMSTEAD (32)	8(5)	1	2(3)	—	338	38
CLARKE (27)	14(1)	1	5	—	129	5
CUNDY (21)	23(1)	—	9	—	24	33
DICKENS (26)	7(3)	—	2	—	32	1
DIXON (29)	28	6	10(1)	5	295	138
DORIGO (25)	28	2	10	—	143	11
DURIE (25)	20	9	10	3	119	48
FREESTONE (22)	—	—	—	—	42	53
HALL (22)	20	—	8(1)	—	69	1
HITCHCOCK (28)	3	—	1	—	14	—
JOHNSON (24)	6	—	1	—	24	32
LEE (21)	15(3)	1	5(2)	1	68	6
LE SAUX (22)	21(4)	3	6(4)	1	33	4
MATTHEW (20)	5(2)	—	5	—	9	—
McALLISTER (28)	5(8)	—	2	1	106	7
MITCHELL (28)	1	—	—	—	7	—
MONKOU (26)	23	1	10	—	59	2
NICHOLAS (31)	11(1)	1	3	—	Now with Watford	
STUART (20)	12(2)	2	7(1)	2	16	3
TOWNSEND (27)	28	2	11	3	28	2
WILSON (29)	17(4)	7	5(2)	2	129	39
WISE (24)	28	7(4P)	9	3(P)	28	7
OPPONENT O. G.	1	—	—	—	37	10

MATCH OFFICIALS

TERRY HOLBROOK, from Wolverhampton, began refereeing locally in 1966. Having moved on to the Staffordshire County League, he then progressed via the Central League to the Linesmen's List in 1980. Two years later he was appointed to the Referees' List. He refereed the FA Trophy Final in 1989. Terry, a company general manager, enjoys playing squash and gardening.

LINESEN: M. K. Bullivant (red trim), **J. A. Wiffen** (yellow trim)

DATE	OPPONENTS	V	RES	ATT.	POS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
Sat Aug 25	Derby County	H	2-1	25,835	—	Beasant	Hall	Dorigo	Townsend	Johnsen	Lee 1	Wise	Nicholas 1	Dixon	Wilson	Le Saux	Bumstead	McAllister(11)
Tue Aug 28	Crystal Palace	A	1-2	27,101	—	Beasant	Hall	Dorigo 1	Townsend	Johnsen	Lee	Wise	Nicholas	Dixon	Wilson	Le Saux	Bumstead	McAllister(11)
Sat Sep 1	Queens Park Rangers	A	0-1	19,813	13	Beasant	Hall	Dorigo	Townsend	Cundy	Lee	Wise	Nicholas	Dixon	Wilson	Le Saux	Bumstead	McAllister
Sat Sep 8	Sunderland	H	3-2	19,424	9	Beasant	Hall	Dorigo	Townsend	Cundy	Lee	Wise 1(P)	Nicholas	Dixon 1	Wilson 1	Le Saux	Bumstead(8)	McAllister(11)
Sat Sep 15	Arsenal	A	1-4	41,516	13	Beasant	Hall	Dorigo	Monkou	Cundy	Lee	Townsend	Nicholas	Dixon	Wilson 1	Bumstead	McAllister(11)	Dickens(8)
Sat Sep 22	Manchester City	H	1-1	20,924	12	Beasant	Clarke	Dorigo	Townsend	Johnsen	Monkou	Townsend	Nicholas	Dixon	Wilson 1	Le Saux	Bumstead	Lee(5)
Sat Sep 29	Sheffield United	H	2-2	19,873	13	Beasant	Clarke	Dorigo	Townsend	Lee	Monkou	Wise	Nicholas	Dixon	Wilson 2	Le Saux	Bumstead	McAllister
Sat Oct 6	Southampton	A	3-3	16,911	13	Beasant	Clarke 1	Dorigo	Townsend	Lee	Monkou	Wise 1(P)	Nicholas	Dixon	Durie	Wilson 1	Bumstead(10)	Le Saux
Sat Oct 20	Nottingham Forest	H	0-0	22,403	14	Beasant	Clarke	Dorigo	Townsend	Lee	Monkou	Wise	Nicholas	Dixon	Durie	Wilson(8)	McAllister(9)	
Sat Oct 27	Liverpool	A	0-2	38,463	15	Beasant	Clarke	Dorigo	Townsend	Lee	Monkou	McAllister	Nicholas	Dixon	Durie	Wise	Le Saux(8)	Bumstead(2)
Sat Nov 3	Aston Villa	H	1-0	23,555	11	Hitchcock	Hall	Dorigo	Townsend	Lee	Monkou	Wise	Bumstead	Wilson	Durie	Le Saux 1	McAllister	Cundy(6)
Sat Nov 10	Norwich City	H	1-1	16,925	11	Hitchcock	Hall	Dorigo	Townsend	Cundy	Lee	Wise 1(P)	Bumstead	Dixon	Durie	Wilson	McAllister	Le Saux(8)
Sat Nov 17	Wimbledon	A	1-2	10,773	14	Hitchcock	Hall	Dorigo	Townsend	Cundy	Lee	Wise	Nicholas	Dixon	Durie 1	Wilson	Le Saux(8)	Monkou
Sun Nov 25	Manchester United	+	A	3-2	37,836	11	Beasant	Hall	Le Saux	Townsend 1	Cundy	Stuart	Matthew	Dixon	Durie	Wise 1(P)	Wilson(10)	Lee
Sat Dec 1	Tottenham Hotspur	H	3-2	33,478	9	Beasant	Hall	Dorigo	Townsend	Cundy	Monkou	Bumstead 1	Dixon 1	Durie 1	Wise	Wilson	Lee	
Sat Dec 8	Crystal Palace	H	2-1	21,558	9	Beasant	Hall	Le Saux	Townsend	Cundy	Monkou	Stuart 1	Bumstead	Dixon	Durie 1	Wise	Wilson	Lee
Sat Dec 15	Derby County	A	6-4	15,057	7	Beasant	Hall	Dorigo	Stuart	Cundy	Monkou	Le Saux 1	Lee	Dixon 2	Durie 2	Wise 1	Wilson(11)	Nicholas(6)
Sat Dec 22	Coventry City	H	2-1	16,317	6	Beasant	Hall	Dorigo	Townsend 1	Cundy	Monkou	Le Saux	Dixon	Durie	Wise 1	Wilson	Stuart(6)	
Wed Dec 26	Leeds United	A	1-4	30,893	7	Beasant	Hall	Dorigo	Townsend	Cundy	Johnsen	Le Saux	Stuart	Dixon 1	Durie	Wise	Wilson(3)	Lee
Sat Dec 29	Luton Town	A	0-2	11,050	8	Beasant	Hall	Le Saux	Lee	Cundy	Johnsen	Bumstead	Dixon	Wilson	Wise	Dickens(8)	McAllister(4)	
Tue Jan 1	Everton	H	1-2	18,351	8	Beasant	Hall	Clarke	Stuart	Cundy	Johnsen	Bumstead	Dixon	Wilson 1	Wise	McAllister(7)	Lee	
Sat Jan 12	Queens Park Rangers	H	2-0	19,255	7	Beasant	Hall	Dorigo	Townsend	Cundy	Monkou	Matthew	Dixon	Durie 2	Le Saux	Wilson	Lee	
Sat Jan 19	Sunderland	A	0-1	20,038	9	Beasant	Hall	Dorigo	Townsend	Cundy	Monkou	Matthew	Dixon	Durie	Le Saux	Bumstead	[8] Lee(11)	
Sat Feb 2	Arsenal	H	2-1	29,094	9	Beasant	Hall	Dorigo	Clarke	Monkou	Le Saux	Matthew	Dixon 1	Stuart 1	Wise	Bumstead	[7] Wilson(9)	
Sat Feb 9	Manchester City	A	1-2	25,116	9	Beasant	Hall	Dorigo	Townsend	Cundy	Monkou	Matthew	Wilson	Wise 1	Clarke (2)	Dickens (10)		
Sat Feb 16	Wimbledon	H	0-0	13,378	9	Beasant	Hall	Dorigo	Dickens	Cundy	Monkou	Bumstead	Dixon	Mitchell	Wise	Matthew (8)	Sinclair	
Sat Mar 2	Tottenham Hotspur	A	1-1	26,168	9	Beasant	Hall	Dorigo	Townsend	Cundy	Monkou	Stuart	Dickens	Dixon	Durie 1	Wise	McAllister (11)	Lee (7)
Sat Mar 9	Manchester United	H	3-2	22,818	8	Beasant	Hall	Dorigo 1	Townsend	Cundy	Monkou 1	McAllister	Dickens	Dixon	Durie 1	Wise	Lee	Matthew
Sat Mar 16	Sheffield United	A	0-1	20,581	8	Beasant	Hall	Dorigo	Townsend	Cundy	Monkou	Dickens	Dixon	Durie	Wise	Lee	Stuart (9)	
Sat Mar 23	Southampton	H	0-2	13,391	9	Beasant	Hall	Dorigo	Townsend	Cundy	Monkou	Stuart	Dickens	Wilson	Durie	Wise	Matthew (9)	Lee
Sat Mar 30	Leeds United	H	1-2	13,585	9	Beasant	Hall	Dorigo	Townsend	Cundy	Monkou	Le Saux 1	Dickens	Dixon	Durie	Wise	Stuart	Lee
Mon Apr 1	Coventry City	A</td																



CHELSEA v LUTON



Blue Shirts and Shorts

DAVE BEASANT

Willesden-born keeper named this week as club captain.

STEVE CLARKE

Made his 129th League appearance for the club on Easter Monday.

TONY DORIGO

Left-back, approaching his 150th League appearance.

ANDY TOWNSEND

Team captain, named in PFA all-star First Division team.

JASON CUNDY

Former trainee, has yet to score a League goal for the club.

KENNETH MONKOU

On crutches after Leeds match last Saturday, yet played against Coventry on Monday.

GRAEME LE SAUX

Scored Chelsea's goal in last Saturday's 2-1 defeat against Leeds.

ALAN DICKENS

Midfielder, played 192 League games for West Ham, before moving to Stamford Bridge.

KERRY DIXON

Has made 295 League appearances for the club, scoring 138 goals.

GORDON DURIE

Making his 150th first-team appearance for Chelsea today.

DENNIS WISE

Has scored seven League goals this season, four from the penalty spot.

1 ALEC CHAMBERLAIN

26-year-old keeper, he is an ever-present in all competitions this season.

2 MARVIN JOHNSON

Former club apprentice, made League debut against Wimbledon in March 1988.

3 RICHARD HARVEY

Another former apprentice, made his League debut against QPR in November 1986.

4 JASON REES

Has scored two goals this season, both in the ZDS Cup.

5 GRAHAM RODGER

Glasgow-born defender, previously with Wolves and Coventry.

6 JOHN DREYER

Started his League career with Torquay, making his League debut in December 1985 against Cambridge.

7 LARS ELSTRUP

Leading scorer for Luton this season with 17 goals.

8 DAVID PREECE

Midfielder, scored his first goal of the season against Man. Utd. last month.

9 SEAN FARRELL

Promising midfielder. Of his 22 appearances this season, 12 have been as a substitute.

10 MARK PEMBRIDGE

Another to have progressed through the junior ranks. Aged 20.

11 KINGSLEY BLACK

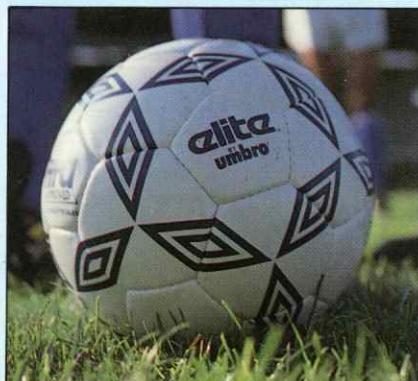
Northern Ireland international. Scored in Luton's 2-0 win over Chelsea earlier in the season.

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