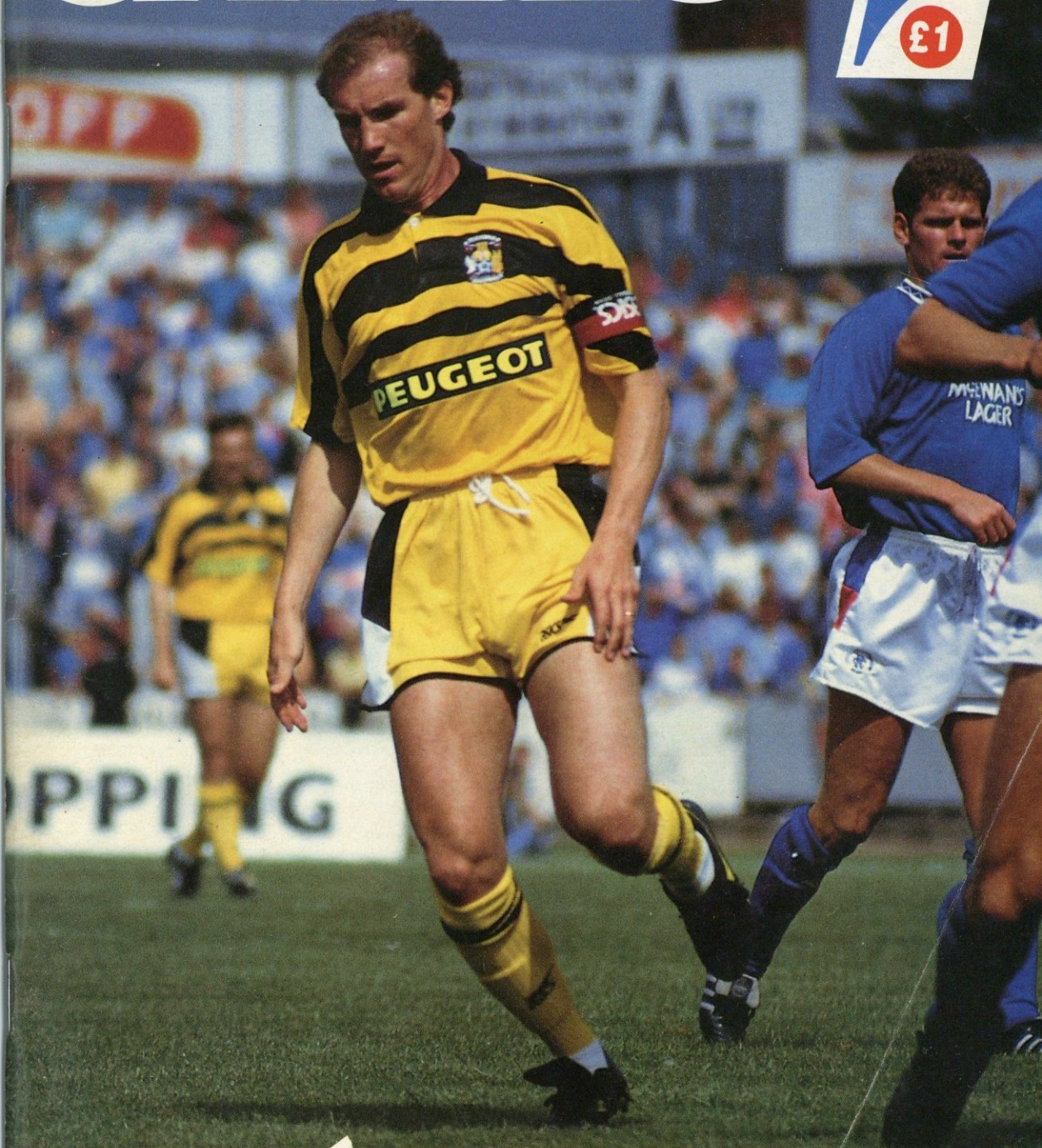


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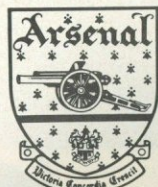
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SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT

As you are aware, tonight's match was originally scheduled to be played at Luton Town, but because groundwork and the new pitch at Kenilworth Road would not have been ready in time for the start of the season, it was agreed to switch the match.

Now we shall play at Kenilworth Road on Friday December 20th.

It is important to clubs that fixture changes are made prior to release of the final list, as we know from experience when our opening match at Tottenham in 1988/89 was postponed at the 11th hour because construction work at White Hart Lane was not completed. That kind of upset has been repeated this season with Crystal Palace and Wimbledon's opening games being cancelled because of uncompleted work at Selhurst Park. Both clubs now face disciplinary action from the Football League.

Obviously with the safety of the public of paramount importance there is no way local authorities, police etc., will pass stadia for spectator admission if they are not properly prepared.

The Football Licensing Authority is now up and running and it will be carrying out inspections of stadia to ensure that facilities are up to the required standard.

We appointed Tom Meffen as our Safety Officer towards the end of last season and throughout the summer months we have made strides to ensure that we have met all the criteria laid down to ensure your safety at Highfield Road.

We have also considerably extended the closed circuit television network around the stadium so that the police have more cameras at their disposal for crowd surveillance, which will consequently make for better enjoyment for yourselves.

Football clubs are receiving help from many quarters and the Football League has again this year organised a Euro Stadium exhibition which takes place at the NEC on September 11th and 12th. This is an opportunity for football clubs and anyone involved in stadia design etc., to view it and discuss the latest developments in the design, construction and operation of sports stadia.

Many supporters will have noted that this season we have Ladbroke's betting kiosks located within the stadium. At present this is at an experimental stage and is not available to all supporters. If it meets Ladbroke's expectations however it is hoped to extend the service to other parts of the ground.

GRAHAM HOVER
Secretary

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We want you, our fans to play your part in this historic season. Write in to tell us your memories of the seasons down the years, or if you have a grumble or a grouse, then write and tell us about that too. We will publish your letters and where necessary a reply.



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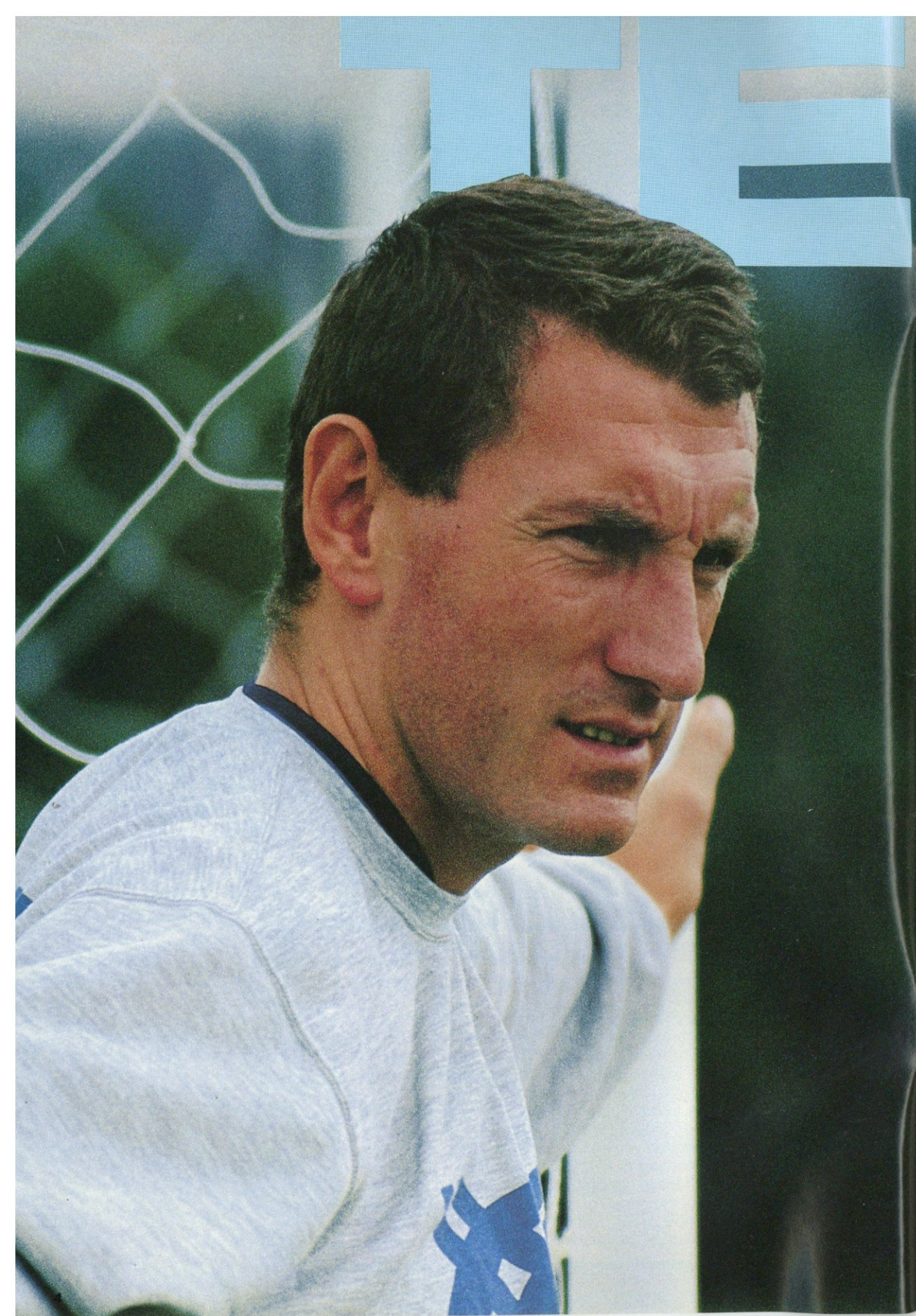
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TERRY

Butcher

A time of change

A big welcome to the players and officials of Luton Town and of course to their supporters, but most of all to David Pleat, the manager, for whom I nearly played as long ago as 1986.

Mr Pleat was interested in acquiring my services for Tottenham Hotspur at that time, but as circumstances developed I joined Glasgow Rangers instead.

Tottenham in fact reached the FA Cup Final that season under David's leadership, and we all know what happened in that game! He has maintained a reputation as an experienced authority on football, as well as being a success as a radio and television commentator.

At least the journalists will find tonight's post-match press conference more enlightening than usual, but not if I make an appearance!

Seriously though, on the footballing front, David's teams play open attractive football which should augur well for an entertaining and exciting game. Luton Town are very similar to ourselves in as much as a new manager has come in and is changing things round in an effort to impose his own style on the team.

... it is important that a manager gets his team to perform well immediately ...

A new manager naturally needs time to get things working the way he wants them to work, but unfortunately in the First Division that time is at a premium. Yet with all the talk of a 'Super League', whenever that may be, it is important that a manager gets his team to perform well immediately, although inexperience can be a deciding factor when young players are introduced into the first team, as is the case at Luton.

I am not making excuses for anyone because every manager, whether he is new to the job or not, accepts total responsibility from the start,

although there are times, I would imagine, when even the most experienced manager sometimes wonders if things will go his way.

It appears to be a time of change within football with plastic pitches being ripped up, new league formations under discussion, English teams now back in Europe, professional fouls more of a focal point than before, yet still the basic tenet of the game remains unchanged i.e. to win matches and to do so in an attractive and entertaining manner.

In my mind winning is not absolutely everything (although my job may be on the line if it is not) it is the way in which that victory is accomplished.

We are in an entertainments industry and therefore if the public feel they have been short changed then they have every right to complain and we as professionals will be the first to hold up our hands and say we have not given them value for money.

However all I can ask of my team is to give me and the supporters 100 per cent effort and if they have been coached and organised in the right way then hopefully that organisation and desire, allied to the necessary skills, will be all that anyone can ask for.

TERRY BUTCHER



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TALKING POINTS

A nightmare for 'keepers?



Steve Ogrizovic

Sendings off for so-called 'professional fouls' caused some of the most heated controversy last season so the International Board attempted during the summer more accurately to define the offence for the benefit of players, match officials and fans.

Essentially the critical factor which referees now have to consider is whether the foul denies the victim "an OBVIOUS goalscoring opportunity."

And handball is now added to the physical foul as being a sending off offence, providing the player handling has done so to "deny an OBVIOUS goalscoring opportunity."

That applies not only to the outfield player who fists out the ball from beneath his own crossbar, but the man who might deliberately handle to stop a centre reaching a striker in an OBVIOUS goalscoring position.

The handling offence does not have to be committed in the penalty area, but in all cases the referee must be satisfied that an OBVIOUS goalscoring opportunity has been denied.

More importantly from Steve Ogrizovic's standpoint - the above rulings also apply to goalkeepers. If a goalkeeper fouls an opponent or handles outside the penalty area to deny an OBVIOUS goalchance he will be sent off. A foul inside the area also results in a penalty kick to the opposition.

But, and here it gets complicated, if the referee decides in the split second available to him, that something less than an OBVIOUS goalchance has been denied the offending player stays on the field but gets a yellow card. If the offence is in the penalty area then a penalty kick is awarded.

Steve Ogrizovic in common with other goalkeepers expresses his concern about how the new rulings will be interpreted by referees.

He says: "Goalkeepers have been taught for years to use all parts of their bodies when they dive at forwards' feet. Now we face the worry that if we happen to bring down the forward as we dive at his feet, not only do we concede a penalty kick, but we could get sent off as well."

"The punishment does not fit the crime in my view, and it can be so unfair on teams. One team might lose its goalkeeper in the 88th minute while it is winning 2-0.

Another might have to play virtually the whole match without its goalkeeper.

"And to suspend the sent-off player as well means that he and his team have been punished three times for the one offence. They concede a free-kick or a penalty, the offending player is sent off and the team loses him in suspension. If a goalkeeper is sent off it distorts the whole match and could lead to some bizarre results this season.

"Instead of players being set off I believe a better system of punishment would be to load the offenders with penalty points. That way at least we would all have some warning that a suspension was on its way, as is the case with the penalty points procedure in use for yellow cards."

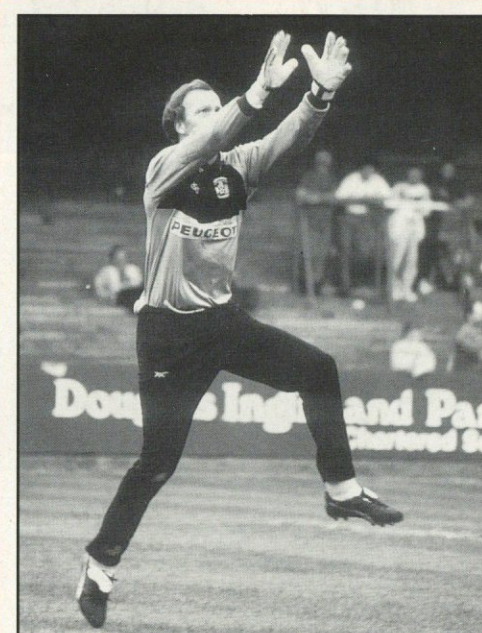
Goalkeepers have other worries on their minds this season in the shape of the new rulings governing possession of the ball. They will be considered to be in possession once the ball touches their hands or arms and they then must clear it as quickly as possible. They can play the ball with their feet or pass it to a team-mate outside the area and gather the return. But in all cases the four step rule will be rigidly enforced by referees this season.

There is also one area of the ruling which could cause some confusion. A goalkeeper who pats down the ball without catching it will be judged to be in possession, and he cannot handle the ball a second time before it is played by another player. The exception to that rule is where the goalkeeper makes a save and can only parry the ball. He is then allowed to drop on the ball to complete the save.

Referees, again in a split second, will have to decide whether it was a save or was not a save.

Goalkeepers are allowed to bounce the ball as they prepare to kick it, but they must be within the four step ruling and as a general guideline they must have cleared the ball by the count of six.

A goalkeeper who persists in holding on to the ball too long will be spoken to by the referee, as will his captain, and if he persists an indirect free-kick will be awarded.



Steve Ogrizovic and his fellow 'keepers, will be hoping not to fall "foul" of referees this season.

*Robert
Rosario*



Photo: JOHN BASSETT

GEOFF ALLMAN ON THE LINE



TO PLAY ... OR NOT TO PLAY ...

The big kick off on Saturday had its moments for better or worse depending on the fortunes of one's particular favourites—unless of course one is the supporter of Crystal Palace or Leeds, neither of whom was involved in a game because of the failure to complete on schedule the alterations at the Selhurst Park ground. Last night too was an anti-climax for Wimbledon and Sheffield Wednesday, both of whom kicked off on Saturday but were cooling their heels because their game at the self same Selhurst Park was off too because the ground was still not ready.

Some fans up and down the country may be laughing at this predicament from the security of their own grounds which opened perhaps with a new sparkle on Saturday, but those of Spurs and Coventry would not laugh quite so loudly, remembering as they would that just three years ago something similar happened—or rather didn't happen—because their game at White Hart Lane had to be put back because that wasn't ready. The situation was even worse than at Selhurst park since the game was not called off until the day before, so that disappointment was more sudden and more deeply felt.

Circumstances also affected the Shrewsbury v Wigan game that wasn't played until Sunday because of the traditional flower show in the town, but at least this was known weeks in advance and there are some fans

who in fact prefer Sunday football and would not mind the one day wait.

Two general issues arise out of this hopefully temporary hold-up at Selhurst Park. Firstly

Sharers ... one wonders what the long term effects will be

in recent years the traditional pattern of all teams playing on a Saturday afternoon every Saturday has to some extent been eroded since a few teams such as Stockport, Southend and Tranmere have played their home games fairly regularly on Friday nights, and in specific cases, usually on police advice because of other games or other events in the area on Saturdays, games have been moved to Sundays. In addition in recent years whole Saturday programmes of First Division games have been moved to other times because of an impending England game, usually on the following Wednesday. Some fans have grumbled, particularly those who have a set routine of nothing but football on Saturdays and who feel an emptiness when their own team is not involved. More seriously a few may find themselves other Saturday afternoon activities

and be that little less likely to be at football in subsequent weeks.

Maybe this is all part of modern life becoming more flexible for better or worse, but what about the second aspect of the Selhurst Park delay. It just so happens that it occurred at the time of the launching of another groundsharing scheme, so that not just one home team was affected but two. It is all very well sharing something with a neighbour, if there is something there at the right time to share, whilst it may be in the future that there will be more sharing, and Watford and Wealdstone have joined the ranks of sharers this season, as an economic necessity one wonders what the longterm effects will be. In recent seasons Crystal Palace—yes them again—and Charlton, Dartford and Maidstone and Chester and Macclesfield have all shared without any spectacular success, but at least they have kept going, whilst former Football League Newport kept going on a ground in Gloucestershire before managing to return to their own Somerton Park.

In some respects ground-sharing underlines soccer's togetherness, all fans of a common cause, in this case a much-loved game. That togetherness was shown up clearly when two teams could not join in the big kick off on Saturday—they were missing important. Soccer is all important to millions of fans every week, may it always be so!

Oxford United 1 Coventry City 3

Sky Blues completed their pre-season programme of matches with an impressive victory over Second Division Oxford United at the Manor Ground.

Defending up the slope they weathered United's early onslaught to take the lead with a 10th minute goal by Kevin Gallacher. Ray Woods looped over a centre which Robert Rosario headed against a defender. The ball fell to David Smith who rocketed the ball into the goalmouth where Kevin headed powerfully into the net, (bottom right).

Michael Gynn made it 2-0 in the 18th minute from a low centre from Ray Woods, (top right). Gynn combined with his midfield colleague Stewart Robson to score the third after 49 minutes.

Playing downhill the Sky Blues ran at United's defence and Robson slipped a neat pass into Gynn's path. Goalkeeper Ken Veysey managed to parry the shot but Micky collected the rebound, veered left and tucked the ball into the untenanted net.

United pulled a goal back through Mark Stein in the 78th minute, but Sky Blues had the match under control.



ROBERT ROSARIO at full stretch against OXFORD

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COVENTRY CITY
1967-92
Twenty Five Years in
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1968-69

We journeyed into our second season in the First Division full of high hopes of finishing in a respectable mid-table position after fighting off relegation the previous season.

Manager Noel Cantwell made one significant signing. He bought Tony Hateley from Liverpool for £80,000 - a sizeable fee in 1968, to try to boost Sky Blues' goal threat.

Hateley had scored many goals for Notts County, Aston Villa, Chelsea and Liverpool but unfortunately he couldn't achieve the same success with City. He scored just four goals in 17 matches before losing his place to Neil Martin and he was to be transferred to Birmingham City 11 months after arriving at Highfield Road.

1968 also saw the building of the Main Stand. Following the fire of March 6th a new stand was needed urgently, and the foundations were started on May 11th and amazingly the concrete construction of six bays took only 64 days - and only 40 actual working days!

Back: Clements, Martin, Bruck, Setters, Tudor, Co
Middle: Sheperd, B.Hill, Curtis, Glazier, Cattlin,
Blockley, Kearns
Front: Hannigan, Gibson, Carr, Cantwell, Baker,
Hunt, Machin



1968-69

The season began disastrously with three successive defeats and again it became a catch-up job as the Sky Blues fought desperately to keep their heads above water.

Gary Player wins the British Open golf title

Sky Blues' first victory of the season was a 4-2 at home to local rivals West Bromwich Albion. Ernie Hunt scored a hat-trick, including a penalty, and Ernie Machin scored



Ian Gibson salutes the crowd after scoring the winner against Newcastle.

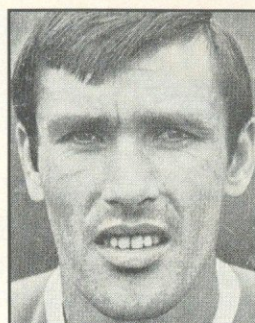
the other goal. The next match was drawn 1-1 at Burnley and then goals from Gerry Baker and Ian Gibson helped to beat Newcastle United 2-1. It appeared that the Sky Blues were on the road to mid-table security.

Rod Laver wins the Mens' title. Billie Jean King makes it three in a row

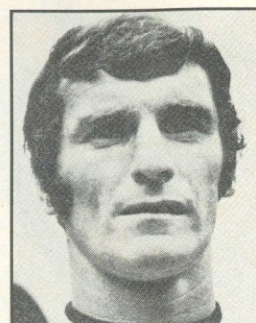
Seven defeats in ten games put paid to that notion however. The battle against relegation was on for the second successive season.

Virginia Wade beats Billie Jean King to become US Open Tennis Champion

They achieved only four victories before the turn of the year, but they put together better form in the second half of the season to again escape relegation by a single point.



Tony Hatley



Neil Martin

England cricket tour of South Africa is officially cancelled

Tony Hatley had been bought from Liverpool for £80,000 in September 1968 and swiftly made his debut in the home match against Everton. Sadly he struggled to find his goalscoring touch and lost his place to Neil Martin in January. He was to play once more, the final match of the season, before being transferred to Birmingham City.

Mexico Olympics - Bob Beaman astounds the athletics world by adding two feet to the world long jump record. The American soars an amazing 8.90 metres. Britain's only track gold medallist was David Hemery, 400 metres hurdles

There was joy for the Sky Blue fans when club skipper George Curtis, whose leg was broken in the second match of the previous season, forced his way back into the side in his familiar No. 5 shirt.

He won his place from Maurice Setters and scored twice in his 28 appearances that season.

P.R.O.G.R.A.M.M.E.F.A.I.R

The size of the programme was the same as the year before and in the main was printed black and white with blue on the front cover, although colour was used occasionally both inside and on the front. Along with the "pen-pics" of the opposition there was a regular STAR PROFILE of a Sky Blues player, "Spotlight on the stars" article on one of the opposition by Alan Williams of the Daily Express, and a "Where are they now" feature. Advertisers included Sam Robbins and Savoy Bingo Club who advertised admission at 2/6d (12½p).



'Fiery' Fred Trueman, Yorkshire and England fast bowler announces his retirement from first class cricket

The leading scorer in 1968-69 was Ernie Hunt with 13 goals, followed by Neil Martin on nine.

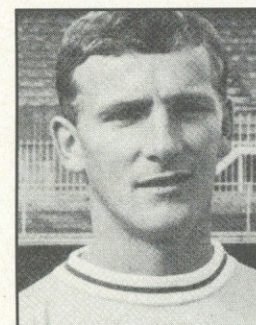
Graham Hill wins the Mexican Grand Prix to become world motor racing champion

Attendances were still well up as Sky Blue fans enjoyed seeing some of Britain's best footballers playing at Highfield Road. The biggest attendance of the season was the 40,850 for the visit by Spurs in September 1968. The league average attendance for the season was 33,266.

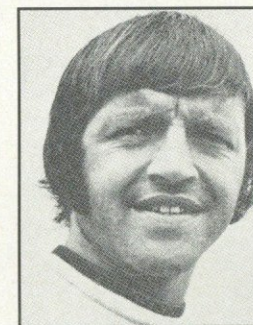
West Indian cricketer Learie Constantine becomes Britain's first black life peer

One young player signed by Cantwell in August 1968 was to make a traumatic debut in European football two years later. He was goalkeeper Eric McManus, signed from Irish club Coleraine for £8,000, as understudy to Bill Glazier.

Sir Matt Busby announces his retirement as Manchester United's manager



Mick Kearns



Ernie Hunt

At the end of the season Mick Kearns announced his retirement from football. He had played 385 first team games. He is now Chief Scout.

Sky Blues went out of the League Cup to Swindon Town after beating Portsmouth and West Ham Utd. They beat Blackpool 3-1 in the Third Round of the FA Cup but then lost 2-0 at Everton.

Manchester City beat Leicester City to win the FA Cup. AC Milan beat Ajax to win the European Cup, Slovan Bratislava win the Cupwinners' Cup and Newcastle United win the Fair Cup, beating Ujpest Dozsa

1968/69			
Aug 17	Sheffield Wed	A 0-3	
21	Manchester Utd	A 0-1	
24	West Ham Utd	H 1-2	Setters
27	WBA	H 4-2	E. Hunt 3 (1pen), Machin
31	Burnley	A 1-1	Gibson
Sep 7	Newcastle Utd	H 2-1	Baker, Gibson
10	Chelsea	H 0-1	
14	Nottm Forest	A 0-0	
17	Tottenham	H 1-2	Tudor
21	Everton	H 2-2	Setters, Gibson
28	Leicester City	A 1-1	E. Hunt
Oct 5	Wolverhampton W	H 0-1	
9	WBA	A 1-6	E. Hunt
12	Arsenal	A 1-2	E. Hunt
19	Manchester City	H 1-1	T. Hateley
26	Sunderland	A 0-3	
Nov 2	Southampton	H 1-1	Machin
9	Stoke City	A 3-1	T. Hateley (2), Martin
16	Leeds Utd	H 0-1	
23	Liverpool	A 0-2	
30	Ipswich Town	H 0-2	
Dec 7	QPR	A 1-0	Carr
14	Arsenal	H 0-1	
21	Manchester City	A 2-4	T. Hateley, Shepherd
Jan 11	Southampton	A 0-1	
Feb 1	Leeds Utd	A 0-3	
26	QPR	H 5-0	Clements 2, Machin, T. Hateley, E. Hunt
Mar 4	Sunderland	H 3-1	Martin 2 (1pen), Carr
8	Sheffield Wed	H 3-0	Martin, Curtis, E. Hunt
10	Chelsea	A 1-2	Martin
14	West Ham Utd	A 2-5	Coop, E. Hunt
18	Stoke City	H 1-1	Carr
22	Burnley	H 4-1	Clements, E. Hunt, Martin, Machin
25	Ipswich Town	A 0-0	
29	Newcastle Utd	A 0-2	
Apr 1	Leicester City	H 1-0	
4	Tottenham	A 0-2	
8	Manchester Utd	H 2-1	Curtis, Martin
12	Everton	A 0-3	
15	Wolverhampton W	A 1-1	E. Hunt
19	Nottm Forest	H 1-1	Hannigan
22	Liverpool	H 0-0	
League Cup			
Sep 3	Portsmouth	H 2-0	E. Hunt, Gibson
25	West Ham Utd	A 0-0	
Oct 1	West Ham Utd	H 3-2	E. Hunt, Tudor, Clements
16	Swindon	H 2-2	Tudor, T. Hateley
21	Swindon	A 0-3	
FA Cup			
Jan 4	Blackpool	H 3-1	Machin, Curtis, Shepherd
25	Everton	A 0-2	

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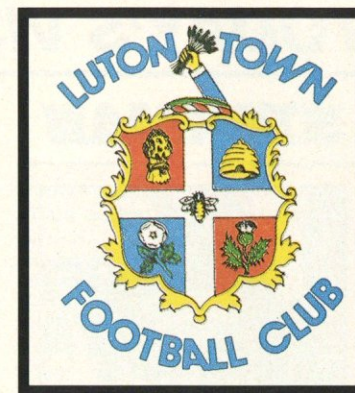
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TODAY'S VISITORS ...

LUTON TOWN



Luton Town narrowly avoided relegation last season, but the return of David Pleat to take charge of the team he managed for eight years, has put new heart into the club.

Pleat took over from Harry Haslam in 1978 and left Kenilworth Road in 1986 to become manager of Tottenham Hotspur. He moved on to Leicester City in 1987 and now finds himself back at Kenilworth Road.

The club has removed its controversial plastic playing surface and reverts to grass this

season on which the team will battle to maintain the First Division status it won for the second time in its history in 1982.

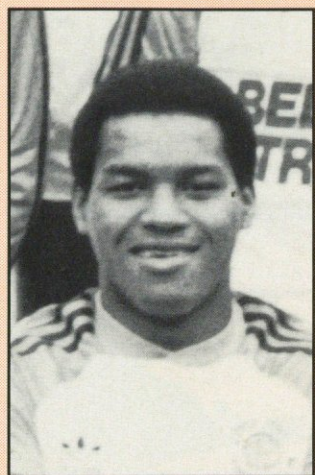
Today is their eleventh visit to Highfield Road in the First Division and they are seeking only their second victory here. That came in 1986-87 when Brian Stein scored the only goal of the match. They have lost on their last four visits, the most recent being in March. Andy Pearce and Brian Borrows (penalty) were Sky Blues' scorers.

Iain Dowie's goal earned Luton victory over Sky Blues at Kenilworth Road.

Back row (left to right): Julian James, Sean Farrell, David Baumont, Graham Rodger, Alec Chamberlain, Darron McDonough, Marvin Johnson, John Dreyer, Richard Harvey
Front row: Kurt Nogan, Ceri Hughes, Jason Rees, David Preece, Mark Pembridge, Kingsley Black



STARMAN



BRIAN STEIN

Now back at Kenilworth Road after a spell in European football Brian Stein links up with manager David Pleat under whom his career flourished in his previous spell at Kenilworth Road.

Born in South Africa in 1957 Brian came to England at the age of eight and after making an impact with a Sunday morning team Crouch End Vampires, signed for Edgware Town in 1977 and was spotted almost immediately by Luton Town – in fact it was David Pleat who was coach at the time who advised manager Harry Haslam to sign him.

Soon Brian was making his debut in a League Cup replay against Manchester United at Old Trafford and by 1978/79 he had won a regular first team place, scoring ten goals in the season as an attacking right winger. In 1980/81 he totalled 18 goals and then in the 1981/82 promotion season he banged home another 21 including a hat-trick against Newcastle.

He got 14 goals in his first season in Division One, one of them in the 4-2 defeat here and then came another one here in the following season of 1983/84.

Having won three England Under-21 caps he played in a full international against France in 1984 and then four years later helped Luton to the Littlewoods Cup. By the time he moved to Caen in 1988 he had scored 127 goals in 388 league games for Luton.

Now he is back – a goalmaker as well as a goalscorer and just as good with his head as with his feet.

PEN PICS

Darron McDonough

Belgium-born McDonough scored on his league debut for Oldham against Notts county in December 1980, thereby joining an exclusive Club. He signed for Luton in 1986 in exchange for £87,000 to become a versatile and valuable member of the squad which reached Wembley four times in 14 months.

He was unfortunate to be injured just before the Town's Littlewoods Cup Final win in 1988 and was beset with further problems in the 1989/90 season after taking over as centre-half in succession to Steve Foster.

Richard Harvey

Born at Letchworth, in April 1969, Harvey, following a number of fine performances for the Combination side as well as captaining the successful Youth team, made his deserved full league debut at home to Queens Park Rangers in November 1986.

He made four further appearances towards the end of 1986/87, showing maturity beyond his years and is now recognised as a first team squad member.

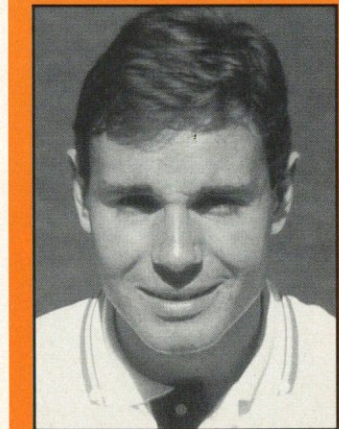
He has toured South America with the England Under-19 squad.

John Dreyer

Signed at a cost of £140,000 from Oxford United in the summer of 1988, he joined United from Wallingford Town and appeared on loan for Torquay and Fulham before making his Oxford debut at home to Coventry in October 1986. Normally a left-back he was drafted into central defence during the 1989/90 season when he made the number six shirt his own with a string of outstanding performances. He turned down a big money move to Crystal Palace.

Julian James

Locally-born James is another from the Town's youth scheme hoping to make a name for himself after establishing himself in the first team during the 1989/90 season.

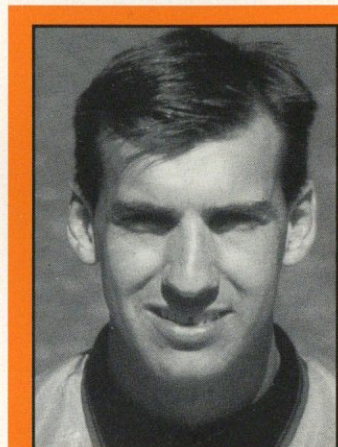


Kingsley Black

He came on as substitute three times towards the end of 1987/88 including the 1-1 draw at Anfield and appeared on four occasions in 1988/89. Season 1989/90 he played 19 games in the First Division as a reliable and strong left back. He was picked for the England U-21 squad for the mini World Cup tournament in Toulon the summer of 1990.

Alec Chamberlain

A tall and agile goalkeeper, Alec made his league debut for Colchester in January 1983 and after many fine displays, Everton were prompted to pay £80,000 for his services in the summer of 1987.



Alec Chamberlain

Unfortunately, due to the form of Welsh International Neville Southall, he did not manage a league appearance at Goodison Park but instead had a spell on loan at Tranmere.

He signed for Luton in the summer of 1988 and secured first choice keeper at the latter end of 1988/89. He was ever present again during the 1989/90 season.

Kingsley Black

Hit the headlines with his performance in the Littlewoods Cup final of 1988 which prompted both Billy Bingham and Bobby Robson to fight for his international services.

He chose Northern Ireland and became a regular in the international side in 1988/89 which was also his first full term in the Luton first team. Season 1989/90 he continued to develop and produce a two goal massive winning performance at Derby to keep Luton up in the First Division.

Marvin Johnson

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

Graham Rodger

Signed in 1989 from Coventry City where he had

been an almost permanent understudy to Brian Kilcline and Trevor Peake.

Glasgow born Rodger, an England Under-21 international, scored the Coventry winner against the Town at Highfield Road two seasons ago. He had terrible luck with injuries and missed virtually all of season 1989/90.

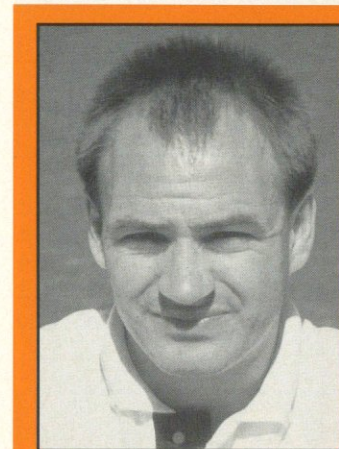
Dave Beaumont

Another 1989 signing, from Dundee United, where he had been understudy to international pair David Narey and Paul Hegarty. Made his Luton debut in the Littlewoods Cup semi final at Upton Park where his calm performance ensured that he remained ever present for the rest of the season.

A former Scottish Under-21 international. David recovered from an ankle ligament injury to help guide Luton to safety during the 1989/90 season.

David Preece

Born at Bridnorth on May 28th 1963. He was picked for England's "B" team in midfield. He was signed by Luton Town from Walsall for £150,000 in December 1984. He scored in his debut against Aston Villa.



David Preece

A busy left sided midfield player known for his accurate and imaginative passing.

Kurt Nogan

Born in Cardiff in September 1970. He signed as an apprentice in July 1987 and then turned professional in June 1989. He was picked for the

Luton Town were the first team to win a Football League match on an artificial pitch – although not at Kenilworth Road. They beat QPR 2-1 at Loftus Road in September 1981

Welsh International U-21 squad against Poland and scored one goal. He then made his first team debut for Luton against Liverpool in January 1990.

Jason Rees

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

Ceri Hughes

A midfield player. Age 20 and born in the Rhondda Valley, Wales. Signed as a professional player from being an apprentice in 1989, to make his first team debut against Aston Villa in May 1990. He was picked for the Welsh International U-21 side against Poland.

Sean Farrell

A 22 year old striker who was born in Watford, Hertfordshire. Sean is a tall strapping old style centre forward with a good touch and great potential, but his career to date has been hampered by injuries. He returned from a year long absence with a knee ligament problem and has forced his way into the first team squad. He starred in the recent Guinness Soccer 6 which Luton won and shared the title of top goal scorer.

Mark Pembbridge

A Welsh midfielder player who joined Luton Town as a trainee in 1989. Following several impressive displays in the reserves he broke into senior first team league football on New Year's Day 1991 when he appeared at Wimbledon. His tidy passing, industrious running and athleticism earned him a Welsh squad call up against the Republic of Ireland in February 1991. Born in Merthyr Tydfil on 29th November 1970 he is a great promise for the future.

Colin Murphy (Assistant Manager)

A highly experienced coach and manager, Colin Murphy joined Luton Town in June this year as assistant to David Pleat. Mr Murphy is 46 and a long time friend of Mr Pleat's the two having met during their playing days when defender Murphy came across winger Pleat at league level. As a manager, Mr Murphy has had two spells with Lincoln City and has also been in charge of Derby County.

CLUBFILE

Team manager: David Pleat
Club address: Kenilworth Road, Luton

Current ground capacity: 14,000

Record attendance: 30,069 v Blackpool, FA Cup 6th Round replay, 4 March 1959

Year formed:

1885. Turned professional 1890

Club nicknames: 'The Hatters'

Club honours:

Football League:

Division 2 Champions 1981-82;

Division 3(S) Champions 1936-37;

Division 4 Champions 1967-68

Football League Cup winners 1988

Most League points in a season:

(2 for a win)

66 in Division 4, 1967-68

(3 for a win)

88 in Division 2, 1981-82

Most League goals in a season:

103 in Division 3(S), 1936-37

Record victory:

12-0 v Bristol Rovers in Division 3(S),

13 April 1936

Record defeat:

0-9 v Small Heath in Division 2,

12 November 1898

Consecutive League wins:

9 in 1977

Consecutive League defeats:

8 in 1899-1900

Record League appearances:

Bob Morton, 494 between 1948-64

Record League goalscorer

(career): Gordon Turner, 243

between 1950-64

Record League goalscorer

(season):

Joe Payne, 55 in Division 3(S),

1936-37

MEET the MANAGER

DAVID PLEAT

Now in his second spell as manager of Luton David Pleat was also a more than useful player. Born in Nottingham in 1945 he was capped by England at schoolboy level and then signed for his local club Nottingham Forest. Between 1962 and 1964 he played just six games for them and then moved to Luton in August 1964. At the end of his first season with them the 'Hatters' slipped into Division Four, but David stayed two more seasons with them, playing a total of 70 games on the right wing.

He then had spells with Shrewsbury, Exeter and Peterborough but was by this time troubled by injury and he moved out of the Football League to become player-manager of Nuneaton.

In 1972 he moved back to Luton as scout and general factotum, both discovering and coaching some of the players that were to form Luton 1973/74 Second Division promotion team. In December 1977 David became chief coach and then moved up to manager when Harry Haslam moved to Sheffield United in the following year.

He took Luton to the Second Division Championship in 1981/82 and to First Division survival a season later. They were still in Division One when he left for Spurs in 1986. Spurs reached the FA Cup final at the end of his first season but he left later that year after adverse newspaper publicity. He returned to management with Leicester in 1988 and spent over two seasons with them. He left them in the course of last season and has now succeeded Jim Ryan as manager of Luton.

Can he do at least as well as in his first spell there when he lifted them to ninth in Division One, the second highest position in the club's history?



TODAY'S VISITORS ...

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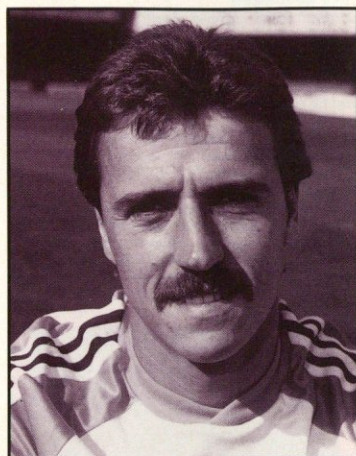
David Moss began and ended his career with Swindon, but it was at Luton that the career of this exciting striker really peaked.

Born in Witney in 1952, he played for Witney Town before linking up with Swindon in August 1969. Two years later he broke through into the first team, making his debut when going on as substitute for Arthur Horsfield in a home defeat by Millwall in Division Two in November 1971.

He scored his first goal early in the following season against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsbrough and then went on to play 230 games and score 60

goals before moving to Luton in May 1978. At £110,000 David Pleat got a bargain, for David was a leftwinger who was quick, highly skilled and able both to lay on and score goals. He excelled from dead ball situations and in 1979/80 got 24 goals in 40 games, following up with 16 and 15 respectively in the next two seasons, the latter being a Second Division promotion year.

In Division One he got nine goals in 1982/83, but then suffered a series of injuries and in 1985 he moved back to Swindon with the tremendous record of 88 goals in 221 league games for Luton. He played just four more games, but left



many people reflecting that at his peak he was good enough to play for England though he never did. He was also a great story teller and humourist and a great man to have around.

Last time we met here ...

In March, the Sky Blues won 2-1 with goals by Andy Pearce and Brian Borrows (penalty). Former Sky Blue, Graham Rodger, scored for Luton when he deflected John Dreyer's shot past Steve Ogrizovic.

Coventry City: Ogrizovic, Borrows, McGrath, Emerson, Pearce, Peake, Woods, Gynn, Regis, Gallacher, Smith

Subs not used: Hurst, Clark

Attendance: 9,521

Luton Town won the league match at Kenilworth Road by 1-0 with a goal by Iain Dowie.

Our playing record v Luton Town

HOME					
P	W	D	L	F	A
58	21	6	2	65	26
AWAY					
P	W	D	L	F	A
10	6	13	39	50	

Luton Town landmarks

Record league victory: 12-0 v Bristol Rovers, Division 3(S), 1936

Record cup victory: 9-0 v Clapton, FAC 1927

Record defeat: 0-9 v Small Heath, Division 2, 1898

Year formed: 1885

WHO'S WHO AT KENILWORTH ROAD

Player and position	Ht	Wt	Birth Date	Place	Signed from
Goalkeeper					
Alec Chamberlain	6 2	13 00	24 6 64	March	Everton
Defenders					
Dave Beaumont	5 10	11 05	10 12 63	Edinburgh	Dundee Utd
John Dreyer	6 00	11 10	11 6 63	Alnwick	Oxford Utd
Richard Harvey	5 9	11 10	17 4 69	Letchworth	Apprentice
Marvin Johnson	5 11	11 06	29 10 68	Wembley	Apprentice
Mark Pembroke	5 7	11 01	29 11 70	Merthyr	Trainee
Graham Rodger	6 2	11 11	1 4 67	Glasgow	Coventry City
Midfield					
Kingsley Black	5 8	10 11	22 6 68	Luton	Apprentice
Ceri Hughes	5 9	11 06	26 2 71	Pontypridd	Trainee
Julian James	5 10	11 11	22 3 70	Tring	Trainee
Darron McDonough	5 11	12 06	7 11 62	Antwerp	Oldham Ath
David Preece	5 5	10 00	28 5 63	Bridgnorth	Walsall
Jason Rees	5 5	9 08	22 12 69	Pontypridd	Trainee
Forwards					
Sean Farrell	6 1	12 08	28 2 69	Watford	Apprentice
Kurt Nogan	5 10	11 01	9 9 70	Cardiff	Trainee
Brian Stein	5 9	—	19 10 57	South Africa	Caen



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RAY WOODS attacks a Sparta Rotterdam defender in the Kilmarnock Tournament.

TURKISH DELIGHT

Can you name the most successful British manager of a foreign club? Gordon Milne, the former Sky Blues boss, must be in the frame. Gordon has been in charge of the Istanbul club Besiktas for the last four years and guided them twice to the Turkish league championship and twice to the national cup.

His success is demonstrated by the fact he is easily the longest serving manager in Turkey – a country which in common with many European countries changes football club managers with great frequency.

He loves the job and the life in Istanbul – one of the most exciting cities on the planet sitting on the crossroads of European and Asian cultures.

Now he looks forward to his third season of European cup football. Besiktas, as current Turkish champions, are in the European Cup and have been drawn against Bobby Robson's Eindhoven with the first round tie in Istanbul next month.

"It will be nice to meet up with Bobby again, he helped me to get this job," said Gordon, at his home near Hinckley, Leicestershire. "I have fond memories of my days as Coventry City manager when Bobby was in charge of a fine Ipswich team which included players like Paul Mariner, John Wark, Terry Butcher, Russell Osman, Arnold Muhren, Franz Thijssen, Alan Brazil and co. It should be an interesting clash between Eindhoven and ourselves and hopefully my players will learn from playing against Bobby's team."

When Gordon left Sky Blues in 1982 after nine years in charge, he spent five years as general manager at Leicester City. "When I left Filbert Street in June 1986 I was going to take a break from football," he recalls. "But I heard about a managers' course being run at Lilleshall by the England manager Bobby Robson and I went along. Bobby told me that Don Howe, the England coach was wanted by a Turkish club, but that he wanted to stay in England. Bobby asked me if I wanted to apply. I decided I liked the idea so I went out to Istanbul on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of that week and by the weekend I had signed a contract. I learned a couple of days later that by coincidence my next door neighbours had been in Istanbul on holiday that same week."

Gordon made an important decision early on. "I decided that I would not take out any English coaches with me, because I felt it could develop into two factions in the club – the English versus the rest, with us spending our evenings moaning and groaning about the players and the club. I have a Turkish No. 2

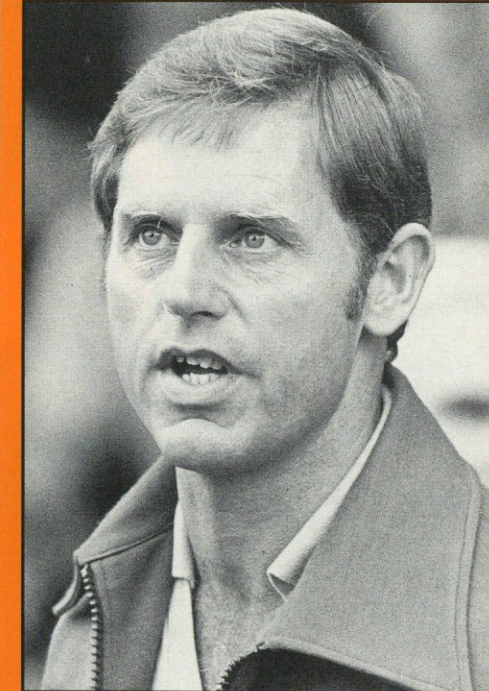
and he is a great chap, who is tuned into the moods of the players and keeps me well informed."

So what standard of football are Besiktas? "It's hard to relate them to English football," says Gordon, "because they do not play at the same frenetic pace. The game is played through midfield in the continental style and I like that."

He also likes being concerned only with the coaching, training and selection of the team. "It is run on continental lines. I am not known as the manager, I am the trainer. I have no responsibility for any administration, for scouting or the buying and selling of players, although the president always seeks my advice."

"I am responsible only for working with the players and I prefer that method of running a football club. In England managers can get bogged down with all sorts of other duties when the most important thing is the team. I wouldn't want to come back to this country as a manager. I have been down those roads after starting in management with Wigan Athletic when they were non-league and then spending 15 years with two solid league clubs."

"Turkey is an adventure. England, I now realise, is very insular in football terms. They are football crazy in Turkey – we averaged gates of 27,000 last season, and there are a great number of continental footballers playing in our league. We have been in Europe for the last three years and I



have watched a large number of continental matches. I love it."

Besiktas' record under Gordon makes impressive reading:

1987-88	2nd in the league
	UEFA Cup – Inter Milan (h) D 0-0
	(a) L 1-3
1988-89	2nd in league, won cup
	UEFA Cup – Dinamo Zagreb (h) W 1-0
	(a) L 0-2
1989-90	won league, won cup
	Cupwinners' Cup – Borussia Dortmund (h) L 0-1
	(a) L 1-3
1990-91	won league



Andy Pearce

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He scored the winner in the 1990 FA Cup Final replay

5 and 6

He moved from Wimbledon to Crystal Palace for £850,000 in 1990

7 and 2

Oldham bought him for £500,000 in 1991 from Everton

8 and 12

Managed Aston Villa between 1974-82

9 and 1

'Keeper who moved from Celtic to Southampton for £200,000 in 1990

11 and 3

GUSHY HELEN-M turns into a man who once held the European Cup aloft

Answer in Wimbledon programme.

Competition compiled by JOHN MURPHY

Football FIRSTS

When Joe Payne established his record of scoring ten goals in a game for Luton Town in the 12-0 victory over Bristol Rovers on 13th April 1936 (Division 3 South) he not only became the first player to reach double figures in a match he was also playing his first game at centre forward! No doubt the Luton manager at the time claimed it as a shrewd piece of team selection.

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Quick-Quiz

1. Which former Luton manager was known as 'Dally' in his playing days?
2. Which two Luton goalkeepers have played for England since the War?
3. Who has kept goal for both Luton and ourselves in the last ten seasons?
4. For which club does the above player now play?
5. Who got Luton's goal here last season?
6. Who is the new manager of Exeter?
7. Which former Luton player has joined him as assistant?
8. Of whom is John Impey now manager?
9. Who were bottom of Division Four last season?
10. Who are known as the Spirites?

Answers on page 30

NOT ALL ABOUT CAMPAIGNING

by Stephen Hart

Tonight I will explain a little more about the activities of the Football Supporters Association at local level.

The branch is known as the Mercia Branch and was formed nearly four years ago by Alan Winter, a Manchester United fan. It started off with a handful of people meeting to talk about football in general and soon became a thriving branch campaigning locally and nationally on all issues affecting supporters. I am sure that Mr Poynton and Mr Hover still remember well some of their earlier meetings and discussions with Alan!

At present the branch has over 100 members who support a wide range of teams including, Aston Villa, Leicester, Plymouth, Bristol Rovers, Sheffield United, Bedworth and of course Coventry City. Within the branch we have a merry band of travellers, who having been to all 93 league grounds are now visiting places I've never heard of let alone know which league they are in!

The branch is currently co-ordinating a national survey into facilities for disabled supporters and will be active in the campaign against all seater stadia. The following year will be quite momentous as we will be staging the FSA national conference next June.

One aim of the FSA is to encompass supporters of all teams, including non-league teams, into one body, as decisions that are made by league clubs inevitably affect non-league teams. This will be even more relevant in the near future now that the FA's Premier League has been given the 'all-clear' by the court of law.

The organisation is not all about campaigning. We try to vary our meetings to include guest speakers, quiz nights and time for discussing football in general. The idea is that people can come along, talk football, have a drink and enjoy themselves. Recent speakers have included Brian Roberts, Greg Downs, David Speedie, Adam Dent, Superintendent Birch (West Midlands Police) and in August Tom Meffen OBE (Safety Officer, CCFC) and Brett Gibbons (Marketing Manager, CCFC). Without exception all these meetings have been both entertaining and informative.

As a member of the FSA you will receive a bi-monthly national magazine and a monthly branch newsletter. Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at Wyken Working Mens Club, Ansty Road, Coventry, starting at 730pm. They are all very informal, so if you like what you have just read why not come along and join us.

Our next meeting is on September 9th, it's our AGM - but don't let that put you off!

If you wish to join straight away please contact our membership secretary:
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Kevin Gallacher tussles with a Rangers defender.



Although surrounded by Sparta defenders, Robert Rosario managed to win the header.



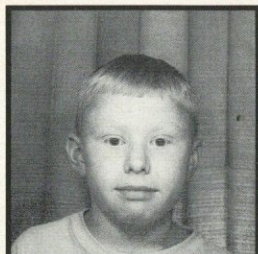
Michael Gynn against Sparta Rotterdam.



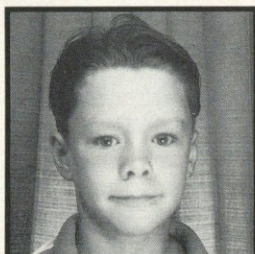
Ray Woods is in a tight spot in the game against Rangers.

NEWS-DESK

MASCOTS



Name: Mark Webberley
Age: 10
From: Ernesford Grange
School attended: Ernesford Grange Primary
Favourite player(s): Kevin Gallacher and Ray Woods



Name: Daniel Elliott
Age: 8
From: Eastern Green
School attended: Eastern Green Junior School
Favourite player: Kevin Gallacher

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Tuesday August 27 City Reserves v Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park
Wednesday August 28 Sky Blues v Sheffield Utd at Highfield Road (7.45pm)
Saturday August 31 Sky Blues v Wimbledon at Highfield Road

ANSWERS TO QUICK-QUIZ
1. Dally Duncan; 2. Bernard Streten and Ron Baynam; 3. Les Sealey; 4. Aston Villa; 5. Graham Rodger; 6. Alan Ball; 7. Steve Williams; 8. Torquay; 9. Wrexham; 10. Chesterfield

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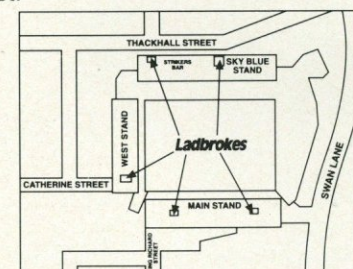
There's a new facility for City supporters at Highfield Road this season.

Bookmakers Ladbroke's have installed betting kiosks all around the ground to enable supporters to have a flutter on the outcome of the game or goalscorers.

A spokesman for Ladbroke's said: "We hope this is the start of a long and fruitful association with Coventry City."

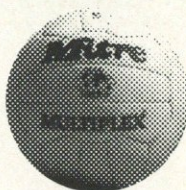
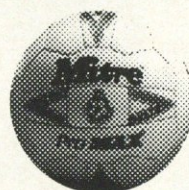
"Supporters can bet on the result of the game, goalscorers or any other wager normally staked at their local betting office. Winnings can then be collected from their nearest Ladbroke's on the next open day after the match."

The kiosks are situated behind the West Stand, in front of the Sky Blue stand, in the main stand tea bars and in the Sky Blue Club in Thackhall Street.



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BY POTTER

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A FORTUNE
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**DID YOU
KNOW?**

During last season six players who have been capped at full international level appeared for the Sky Blues: Terry Butcher (England), Kenny Sansom (England), Cyrille Regis (England), David Speedie (Scotland), Kevin Gallacher (Scotland) and Jose Perdomo (Uruguay).

Although they did not all play at the same time we believe six internationals in one season is a record for the Club - that is unless someone knows otherwise?!



PROFILE

**PAUL
FURLONG**

Bubbly Paul Furlong is relishing every minute of his first taste of life at a First Division club. Now the pacey striker has had to revise his career ambition.

"My ambition was always to play in the Football League," says the England Amateur International. "Now my aim is to do well."

He has already sampled first team football and hit the headlines with a goal against mighty Glasgow Rangers in the recent Kilmarnock Four Team Tournament.

"It was a dream to score against Rangers," he beams. "Kevin Gallacher fired in a shot I followed it in and the Rangers goalkeeper parried it straight into my path. I had a simple job to sidefoot the ball into the net."

Short range tap-ins are not usually Paul's style. "I usually score the more difficult type of goal, but I feel I should score more tap-ins and that is something I am working on."

He was born in North London 22 years ago and his natural pace always kept him ahead of his classmates in the school sports day sprints.

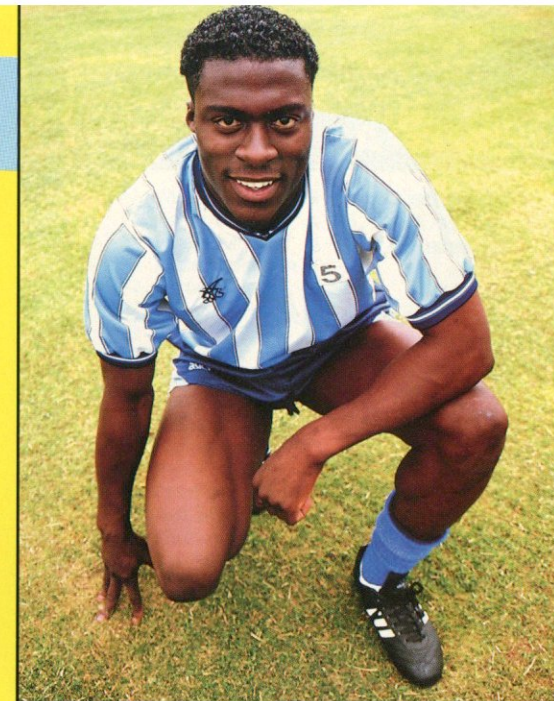
Football was always his first love however but though he was a prolific scorer during his teens, he slipped through the league clubs' nets.

"I was with Spurs as a schoolboy and played in Queens Park Rangers' youth team, but nothing came of it. I joined Enfield when I was seventeen as a part-time professional."

Enfield were in the Gola League at that time, now the Vauxhall Conference, and Paul learned his craft quickly. The club carries a proud reputation for producing players - Terry Hurlock (Brentford, Reading, Millwall and Rangers) and Carl Richards (Bournemouth, Birmingham City, Peterborough United and Blackpool) being the best known to date. Maybe the name Paul Furlong will become the best known of all.

He was strongly recommended to Sky Blues by our coach Brian Eastick who has watched him many times

Kevin Gallacher celebrates with Paul after his goal against Rangers



over the last couple of years. Brian had good cause to remember his name in 1988-89 when Enfield knocked Leyton Orient out of the FA Cup.

Brian was assistant manager at Orient and the tie against the non-league side went to three matches. Paul scored in the 1-1 at Enfield and played a major role in the 2-2 replay at Brisbane Road. The second replay was at Brisbane Road also and when Enfield won it 1-0, the name of Furlong was indelibly printed in Brian Eastick's mind.

"I wanted Orient to buy him there and then," recalls Brian. He never forgot the young striker however and kept tabs on him.

Paul rattled in 17 goals for Enfield the following season and grabbed another 20 last season. Brentford and Watford showed some interest, but hesitated.

It was the opportunity Sky Blues needed. It took no time at all for the man whose soccer idol is Mark Hughes, to decide to launch his league career at Highfield Road and already he has had a taste of the big-time.

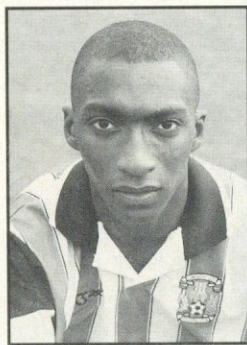
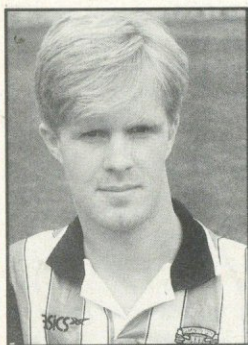
He made a dream debut when he went on as substitute against Rangers and scored after only seven minutes of first team football. His performance earned a full match against Sparta Rotterdam and already he was learning what it takes at the highest club levels.

"Playing with better players should make me a better player," he says. "I know I won't be in the first team yet, there are too many good players here for that to happen. I have to wait my turn but one good thing from my point of view is that Coventry City play the same style of football as we did at Enfield so I have not had to fit into a strange system. My biggest obstacle at the moment is fitness. Part-time professionals are not as fit as full time pros so I have some catching up to do, but I don't think I am too far behind."

When he has bridged that gap he will be in there scrapping for a first team spot along with Robert Rosario, Kevin Gallacher, Kevin Drinkell and Peter Ndlovu. It adds up to exciting competition for places.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE

Aug 20	Manchester City	H
27	Blackburn Rovers	A
Sep 4	Sunderland	H
10	Everton	A
23	Aston Villa	A
Oct 1	Sheffield Weds	H
9	Bolton Wanderers	A
15	Liverpool	A
22	Nottm Forest	H
29	Barnsley	H
Nov 6	WBA	H
12	Sheffield Utd	H
19	Rotherham Utd	H
26	Bradford City	A
Dec 3	Newcastle Utd	H
10	Manchester Utd	A
17	Leeds Utd	H
23	Sunderland	A
30	Barnsley	A
Jan 7	Manchester City	A
14	Blackburn Rovers	H
22	Leeds Utd	A
28	Liverpool	H
Feb 5	Nottingham Forest	A
12	Rotherham Utd	A
18	Bradford City	H
26	Newcastle Utd	A
Mar 3	Manchester Utd	H
19	Sheffield Utd	A
24	Everton	H
Apr 7	Aston Villa	H
15	WBA	A
22	Sheffield Weds	A
28	Bolton Wanderers	H



Warren Bufton, left and Terry Fleming have moved up from the Youth Squad to join the professional ranks this season.

Next home Pontins League
fixture is against

SUNDERLAND

Wednesday 4th September ko 7.00pm

Admission £1.00 Season ticket holders free

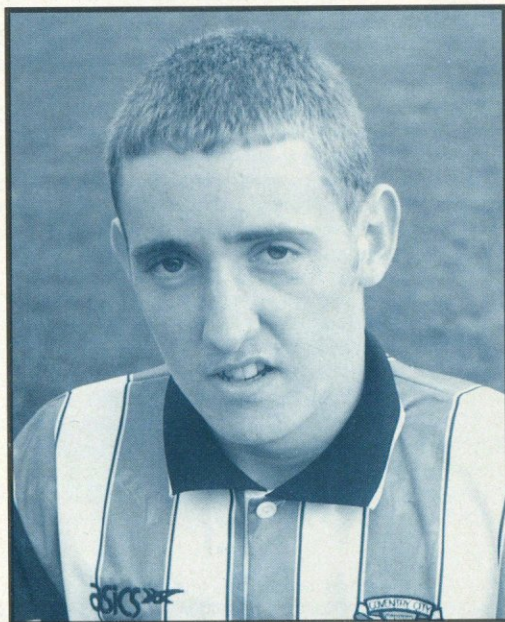
RESERVE COLIN'S NEW SQUAD

Colin Dobson, Sky Blues' Youth Coach, believes he has a better group of youngsters in his squad now than at this stage last season. He says: "The second year trainees are a better group than the second years last time around and we have one or two players who show a lot of potential."

"We didn't have quality in defence last season. We scored quite a lot of goals, but we conceded a lot. I feel we are stronger in defence this time."

Now, in a brand new feature, Colin will introduce his youth squad to you over the next few weeks with a brief assessment of their strengths and weaknesses. It will make fascinating reading to our supporters who enjoy tracing the careers of young players as they mature and climb through the club ranks.

YOUTH FILE



Name: Barry Crews

Playing position: Centre midfield

Place of birth: Stirling, Scotland

Hobbies and interests: Golf and snooker

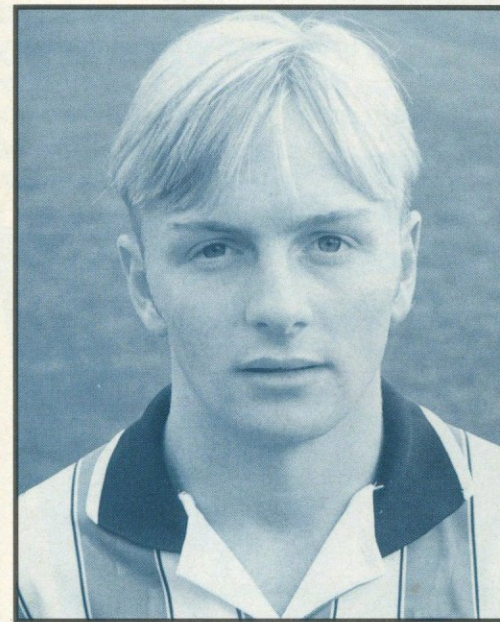
Qualifications from school: Eight 'O' levels

Barry has a tremendous attitude. He was limping from a bad injury when I first signed him. But he impressed me with his sincerity. He so much wants to be a professional footballer and he told me "sign me and I won't let you down". I did, and he hasn't. He gives me everything in every game and one of our scouts who watched him recently for the first time was very impressed.

+ YOUTH



YOUTH FILE



Name: Ricky Smith

Playing position: Left back

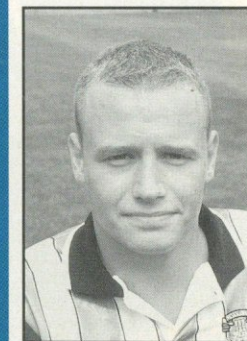
Place of birth: Bristol

Hobbies and interests: Golf and snooker

A young man with tremendous skill on the ball and with a lovely left foot. This second year is very important to him because he has to improve his defensive play. Once he does that I think I can see a future for him.

MIDLAND PURITY YOUTH LEAGUE

Aug 17	WBA	A
24	Aston Villa	H
31	Birmingham City	A
Sep 7	Wolverhampton W	H
14	Derby County	H
21	Grimsby Town	A
28	Leicester City	H
Oct 5	Lincoln City	A
12	Mansfield Town	H
19	Northampton Town	A
26	Notts County	H
Nov 2	Nottingham Forest	A
9	Derby County	A
16	Peterborough Utd	H
23	Port Vale	A
30	Shrewsbury Town	H
Dec 7	Stoke City	A
14	Grimsby Town (LC 2)	A
28	Walsall	H
Jan 4	Walsall	A
11	WBA	H
18	Aston Villa	A
25	LC 3	
Feb 1	Birmingham City	H
8	Wolverhampton W	A
15	Grimsby Town	H
22	Leicester City	A
29	Lincoln City	H
Mar 7	Mansfield Town	A
14	LC Semi-final	
21	Northampton Town	H
28	Notts County	A
Apr 4	Nottingham Forest	H
11	Peterborough Utd	A
18	Port Vale	H
25	Shrewsbury Town	A
May 2	Stoke City	H



Alun French, left, and Jason Bickley, two more young players who this summer joined the professionals.

Home fixtures in the Midland Purity League are normally played at the Ryton Training ground on Saturday mornings ko 10.45. Anyone wishing to support the Youth Team is welcome to come along. Admission is free.

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Barclays League Division One
SHEFFIELD UTD (home)
Wednesday August 28th ko 7.45pm

Main stand: GHLM £11.00 JK £12.50
Sky Blue stand: AB £9.50 CD £11.00
West stand (members only): £8.50
Sky Blue terrace (standing): £7.00

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
MONDAY 19th AUGUST

Barclays League Division One
QPR (away)
Saturday August 24th ko 3.00pm

Seats: £12.00 available from 12/8/91
Terrace: £7.00 pay at turnstile
Visitors entrance in South Africa Road
(West Stand)

Nearest tube: White City (Central)
Shepherds Bush (Metropolitan)
Sky Blue Travel: Coach departs 11.00am
£8.50 members £9.50 non-members

TELEPHONE

(0203) 257171 and 258879

CREDIT CARD BOOKINGS ACCEPTED

Barclays League Division One
WIMBLEDON (home)
Saturday August 31st ko 3.00pm

Main stand: GHLM £11.00 JK £12.50
Sky Blue stand: AB £9.50 CD £11.00
West stand (members only): £8.50
Sky Blue/west terrace: £8.00
East terrace (standing): £7.00

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
MONDAY 19th AUGUST

Barclays League Division One
OLDHAM ATHLETIC (away)
Tuesday September 3rd ko 7.30pm

Seats: £9.50 Terrace: £6.00
Visitors entrance in Sheepfoot Lane
Sky Blue Travel: Coach departs 4.30pm
£8.50 members £9.50 non-members

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
MONDAY 26th AUGUST

OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday-Friday 9.00am-5.00pm

Home match (Saturday) 9.00am-kick-off Away match (Saturday) 9.00am-12 noon

Late night till 7.00pm the evening prior to a home game

COVENTRY FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME SOCCER COACHING

Coventry Football Development Scheme will be offering coaching courses throughout the city during the schools' half-term break in October.

Ray Gooding, the development officer, is arranging two-day courses at different venues throughout the city for youngsters aged 7 to 14. The courses will start at 10am and finish at 3pm and there will be room for 75 youngsters at each venue.

The cost? £8 per course or £4 if you already have a 'Passport to Leisure'.

The courses will be run by qualified football coaches and will include the Coca Cola Star Tests. A Sky Blue player will present the certificates and individual awards.

Application forms can be obtained from Ray Gooding (Tel: 631023) after September 23rd. Those taking part will need a tracksuit, training kit, football boots/training shoes and a packed lunch.

FAN FILE

KATH HAMILL



Name: Mrs Kath Hamill
Address: Trentham Road, Coventry

How long supported Sky Blues: Best part of 50 years

Favourite player in the past: Maurice Setters

Favourite player currently: Brian Borrows

Favourite other team: Nottingham Forest

Best goal seen by a Coventry City player: Ernie Hunt's and Willie Carr's 'donkey kick'

Player you would most like to see at Highfield Road: Lee Sharpe

Sports personality you admire outside football: Roger Black (400m athlete)

Sports personality who most gets on your nerves: Emlyn Hughes

What improvements would you like at football grounds: Hand rails on some steps in Sky Blue stand, to help the older supporter

Pick your all-time best Coventry City team:

It must be the 1987 Cup winning team, because they had never made it before. Maybe not the most classic of players, but that season they all had big hearts. Team: Ogrizovic, Phillips, Downs, Kilcline, Peake, Gynn, McGrath, Pickering, Bennett, Regis, Houchen Subs: Rodger, Sedgley

Most memorable Coventry City match:

Coventry v Tottenham 1987 FA Cup Final

Best opposition player seen at Highfield Road: Mick Channon

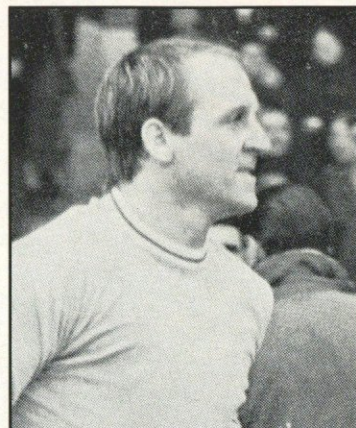
Who will finish top English team: Regretfully it appears that

once again it might be Liverpool

Star player of the future: For Coventry, Andy Pearce

Any other comments:

I like the way other teams seem to play with great effort and commitment - at times these have been lacking at Coventry



Maurice Setters

Anyone wishing to participate in this feature can obtain a questionnaire from the Club. On completion of the questionnaire please return, with a photograph, to: Arthur Pepper, Coventry City FC, King Richard Street, Coventry

FOOTBALL OFFENCES ACT

Parliament has passed a new act which gives police greater powers of arrest inside football grounds.

The Act, which is enforceable from two hours before match kick-offs to one hour afterwards, relates to the following offences:

- **the throwing of missiles**
- **indecent and racist chanting**
- **encroaching on to the playing area**

Coventry's senior police officer Chief Superintendent Jim Swingewood says: "We shall arrest anyone caught throwing anything; anyone taking part in racial or obscene chanting and anyone who runs on to the pitch - and the latter includes the area outside the touchline."

"We don't want to spoil anyone's visit to Highfield Road but we are seeking to maintain the positive steps we have taken over the last two or three years."

"We shall use commonsense, but we shall not let a minority spoil matches for the majority, and I hope that all spectators will co-operate with us to make every match at Highfield Road a trouble-free and enjoyable occasion."



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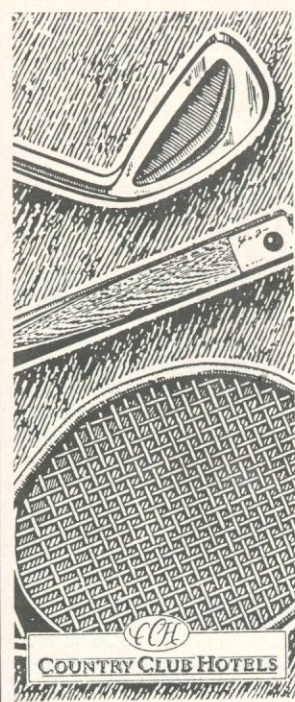
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Ray Gooding - Football Development Officer is seen presenting a £1,000 cheque to Robbie Vaughan who is another one of our Executive Club winners.



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Manager Dave Bassett has been busy in the transfer market during the summer to strengthen his squad by signing Clive Mendonca from Rotherham, Tom Cowan from Rangers and Natham Peel from Preston, and will be keen to make a better start to this season than last.

QUEENS PARK RANGERS

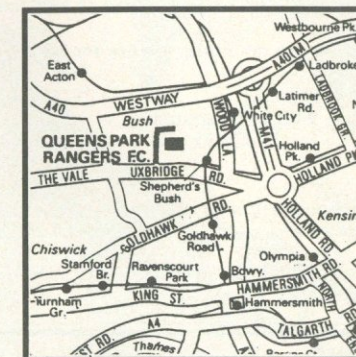
Saturday, August 24th ko 3.00pm

Ticket information

Seats £12.00 Terrace £7.00 (pay at turnstyle)
Visitors entrance in South Africa Road

Travel information

Coach departs 11.00am Members £8.50
Non-members £9.50



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How to get there

Take M1 southbound then A406 towards Neasden
Turn left to join A404 towards Hammersmith, turn right into
White City Road and then left into South Africa Road for
Rangers Stadium.

Parking information

Limited side-street parking.

Nearest railway station

Shepherds Bush (Metropolitan) White City (Central)



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Do you have any comments or opinions you wish to express about Coventry City or football in general? If so please write to: The Editor, Sky Blue Matchday Magazine, Coventry City FC, King Richard Street, Coventry CV2 4FW

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Northampton NN3 4LP

Dear Sir,

I'm writing to you as a season ticket fan of many years. Could I have a few points made – and possibly used in future.

1. At turnstiles – ticket number showing at each entrance.
2. Half time scores shown on scoreboard at half time and also just after.
3. Consideration given to Friday nights for games – not Sundays.
4. Better tannoy system.
5. Could we have a better programme.

Thank you
David M. Allen

All of your suggestions will be given consideration, although we cannot make any promises for implementation at the present time.

Point '5' has already been implemented – your comments are eagerly awaited.

PENPALS WANTED

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Moscow
Kolomenskai Str
house 15, kop 2, hqt 597

Dear Sir,

I like English football, especially Coventry FC.

I am 26 years old and support Spartak/Moscow. I wish to have friends, exchange football souvenirs and news

Thank you
Sagin Sergey

4 Coleby Close
Burton Green
Coventry CV4 8HN

I have just been to purchase my season ticket for the 1991/92 season under the impression that if I had a 'Passport to Leisure' I would get it half price. I am only 16 and there is no way I can afford £150 on my wages. I have had a season ticket for the past three seasons and have spent hundreds of pounds travelling to away matches.

Your friend
Scott Buckley

P.S. Good luck for the season

Unfortunately the 'Passport to Leisure' has never operated on season tickets because of the possibility of the holder's circumstances changing during the nine months of the season. We are unable to offer any further reductions on season tickets than the discounts already in operation.

As you can probably appreciate, the club gets many requests for special discounts and it is impossible to comply with them all.

In the meantime, please carry on following the Sky Blues whenever you can. Your support is appreciated.

4 Greta Road
Finham
Coventry CV3 6DP

Dear Sir,

My two sons, who have supported Coventry City for a number of years, did not buy a season ticket last year. As a result, and much to my surprise, one son only attended half the home games and the other son for barely a quarter.

This proves that it is absolutely imperative for City to sell more season tickets. To this end, they should extend the period when cheaper rates are available until mid-July or even later. During June everyone except the keenest supporters are thinking more about summer holidays than renewing season tickets, and once the date has passed may well decide they cannot afford the normal price.

After the season has started it could be worthwhile to offer cut-price season tickets, eg 10 remaining home games for the price of 7.

It should be borne in mind that supporters who do not buy season tickets are only likely to attend the most attractive games unless City have an exceptionally good Cup run.

Yours sincerely
Frank J. Sidwell

The comments you made have been noted but I am afraid that it is not possible to extend the renewal period to mid-July.

As I am sure you will appreciate, there is a vast amount of administration work involved with these renewals and, in order to make sure that everything is correct for the commencement of the new season, the date is set at 30th June in each year.

Your suggestion to offer 'cut-price' season tickets during the year will, however, be borne in mind for the future.

The Crackley Garage
Coventry Road
Kenilworth

Dear Sir,

My daughter and I were guests at the game with Derby County towards the end of last season and I feel I must write and congratulate the club for the most hospitable way in which we were looked after during the whole afternoon.

EVERY member of Coventry City FC who we came in contact with was extremely helpful and courteous.

I would also like to thank players Kevin Gallacher and Ray Woods who we met after the game. They were both charming and a credit to their profession and the club.

The whole afternoon was a complete success and left a lasting impression on us both.

Yours thankfully
C. Gibbs

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Hampshire PO2 7QU

I am an 18 year old exiled Sky Blues supporter, and I am looking for female Sky Blues fan between 15 and 19 to keep me up-to-date with everything going on at Highfield Road, if you could write to me enclosing a photo of yourself, I would be really grateful.

Yours sincerely
Simon McClumpha

STEWART ROBSON fights for possession in midfield against Oxford in the pre-season friendly.



YOUTH SQUAD 1991-92



Back row: Billy Woods, Luke Chadwick, Martin Davis, Gerard Carr, Steven Williams, Craig Melrose, David Proctor
Middle row: Anthony Sheridan, David Carmichael, Daniel Coleman, Michael Stephenson, Ricky Smith, Richard McNeil, Karl Wilson
Front row: Paul O'Brien, Scott Young, Colin Dobson (Youth Coach), John Reason (Director), John Gowens (Assistant Physio), Barry Crews, Graham Hepburn

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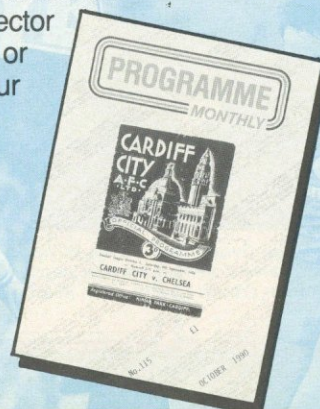
One of the fascinating aspects of programme collecting is that no two collections are alike – each is unique to the individual collector, reflecting his or her footballing influences, matches attended, and areas of special interest. Another feature of the hobby is that vast sums of money need not be spent – collecting football programmes can be tailored to anyone's age or budget.

A programme collection can be of any size – it can amount to tens of thousands of programmes accumulated over many years, or it can comprise this week's and next week's issues on the way towards building a collection. If a journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step, then a collection to be proud of starts with a single issue.

The obvious starting point is to retain programmes from matches attended. These will assume a greater importance in years to come, because as you review the hundreds of thousands of programmes, you can relate special personal memories to programmes of matches attended. Friends and relatives will probably attend other matches, so why not ask them to buy an extra programme for you?

Amongst friends and schoolmates, there will inevitably be others who share an interest in football and programmes. Swapping duplicated issues is another good way of adding to a small collection, and this can be done by obtaining more than one programme from the matches attended, in order to exchange surplus copies for other match programmes. Exchanging a programme in your collection for another issue with a fellow collector can help towards building a "set" or speciality of programmes in your collection – a subject we will discuss in the next article.

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The development game

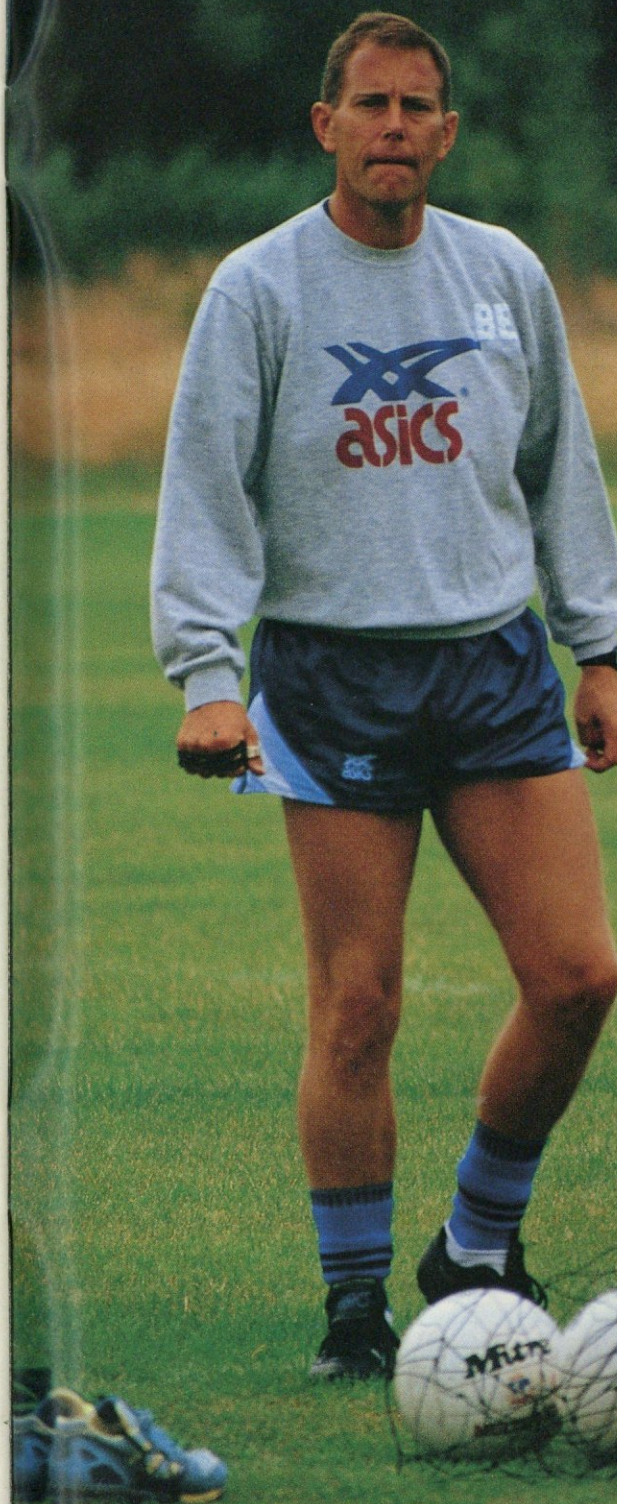
Brian Eastick, reserve team coach, is not in the results business. "I would swap a Central League championship if instead we could produce a couple of young players for the manager to consider for first team duties," he says.

"I am not in the results business, I am in the development business. When I wake up on a Sunday morning there is only one result which counts and that is Coventry City first team. It is the first team which is in the results business – although that is not to say that the reserves won't be trying to win every game we play. Of course we will but the main objective is to produce good players, players who will be able to knock on the manager's door for a first team place.

"I would love to be in the position of bending Terry's ear about young players who I think are good enough to get a first team chance. That is what we have to work towards."

To try to help that process along the management team have decided that the first and second teams will employ the same pattern of play. "We shall use the same types of tactics at free-kicks, corner kicks etc., and to that end we have decided that training will now be conducted in two groups instead of the usual three. In the past the first team players, the reserves and the youth teams have trained in their own groups. Now all the professionals are training as one unit and the youth players are in a separate group.

"We have talked long and hard about this and believe it is for the best. There is no better way for a young professional to learn than to be training alongside and playing with better, more experienced, players.

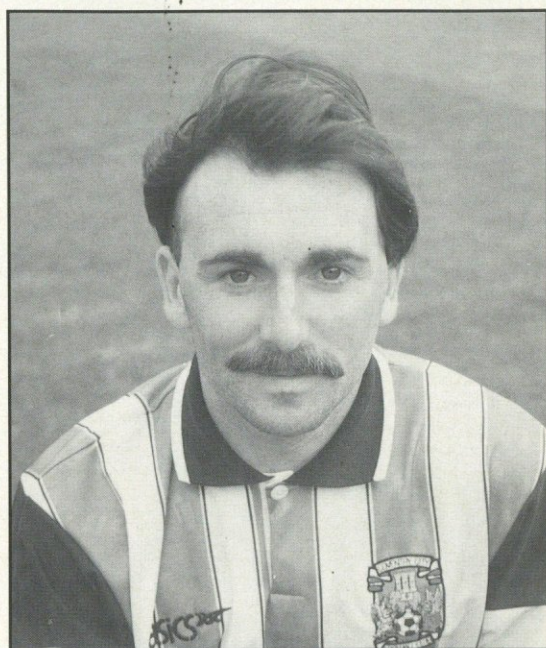


"It is very valuable experience for a young player for example to be marking Kevin Gallacher in a training session, or a young striker to try to find a way past, the likes of Brian Borrows and Steve Ogrizovic. Showing is the best way to teach and we feel that this sort of training and coaching will bring continuity between the two teams."

The first four young professionals to benefit are Alun French, Terry Fleming, Jason Bickley and Warren Bufton, who signed contracts in the summer after moving up through the youth ranks.

Brian meanwhile is thoroughly enjoying his second spell with the Sky Blues. "Coventry City may not be a big club like Liverpool or Everton, but it is a marvellous place to work and it has a great reputation for finding, developing and introducing young players to league football. Long may it continue to do so."

	F-A	Pos	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
1991																
Aug 17	Manchester City	H	0-1	-	18,013	Ogrizovic	Borrows	McGrath	Robson	Pearce	Peake	Woods	Gynn	Rosario	Gallacher	Smith*
21	Luton Town	H													* Furlong(11)	Edwards
24	QPR	A														
28	Sheffield Utd	H														
31	Wimbledon	H														
Sep 3	Oldham Athletic	A														
7	Arsenal	A														
14	Notts County	H														
18	Leeds Utd	H														
21	Everton	A														
25	LC2 (1)															
28	Aston Villa	H														
Oct 5	West Ham Utd	A														
9	LC2 (2)															
19	Crystal Palace	H														
26	Liverpool	A														
30	LC3															
Nov 2	Chelsea	H														
16	Nottm Forest (FAC1)	A														
23	Norwich City	A														
30	Southampton	H														
Dec 4	LC4															
7	Manchester Utd (FAC2)	A														
14	Sheffield Wednesday	H														
20	Luton Town	A														
26	Sheffield Utd	A														
28	Wimbledon	A														
1992																
Jan 1	Tottenham	H														
4	FAC3															
8	LC5															
11	QPR	H														
18	Manchester City	A														
25	FAC4															
Feb 1	Crystal Palace	A														
6	Liverpool	H														
12	LC Semi-final															
15	Norwich City (FAC5)	H														
22	Southampton	A														
29	Manchester Utd	H														
Mar 4	LC Semi-final															
7	Sheffield Wed (FAC6)	A														
11	Nottingham Forest	H														
14	Chelsea	A														
21	Oldham Athletic	H														
28	Tottenham Hotspur	A														
Apr 4	Arsenal	H														
11	Notts County	A														
12	LC Final															
18	Everton	H														
21	Leeds United	A														
25	West Ham Utd	H														
May 2	Aston Villa	A														
9	FA Cup Final															



Micky Gynn – could have scored three goals against Manchester City but unfortunately goalkeeper Margetson was in tremendous form.



Steve Ogrizovic – voted Vice Presidents man-of-the-match against Manchester City.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

1990-91	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
1 Arsenal	38	15	4	0	51	10	9	9	1	23	8	83
2 Liverpool	38	14	3	2	42	13	9	4	6	35	27	76
3 Crystal Palace	38	11	6	2	26	17	9	3	7	24	24	69
4 Leeds Utd	38	12	2	5	46	23	7	5	7	19	24	64
5 Man City	38	12	3	4	35	25	5	8	6	29	28	62
6 Man Utd	38	11	4	4	34	17	5	8	6	24	28	59
7 Wimbledon	38	8	6	5	28	22	6	8	5	25	24	56
8 Nottm Forest	38	11	4	4	42	21	3	8	8	23	29	54
9 Everton	38	9	5	5	26	15	4	7	8	24	31	51
10 Tottenham	38	8	9	2	35	22	3	7	9	16	28	49
11 Chelsea	38	10	6	3	33	25	3	4	12	25	44	49
12 QPR	38	8	5	6	27	22	4	5	10	17	31	46
13 Sheff Utd	38	9	3	7	23	23	4	4	11	13	32	46
14 Southampton	38	9	6	4	33	22	3	3	13	25	47	45
15 Norwich	38	9	3	7	27	32	4	3	12	14	32	45
16 Coventry	38	10	6	3	30	16	1	5	13	12	33	44
17 Aston Villa	38	7	9	3	29	25	2	5	12	17	33	41
18 Luton	38	7	5	7	22	18	3	2	14	20	43	37
19 Sunderland	38	6	6	7	15	16	2	4	13	23	44	34
20 Derby	38	3	8	8	25	36	2	1	16	12	39	24

Arsenal deducted: Arsenal 2 pts, Manchester Utd 1

APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

PLAYER	League	RLC	ZDSC	FAC
Birthplace/date	App	Gls	App	Gls
PETER BILLING				
Liverpool 24/10/64				
BRIAN BORROWS				
Liverpool 20/12/60	1			
TERRY BUTCHER				
Singapore				
CRAIG MIDDLETON				
Nuneaton 10/9/70				
KEVIN DRINKELL				
Grimsby 18/8/60				
PAUL EDWARDS				
Birkenhead 25/12/63				
DEAN EMERSON				
Salford 27/12/62				
PAUL FURLONG				
N.London 1/10/68	(1)			
KEVIN GALLACHER				
Clydebank 23/10/66	1			
MICHAEL GYNN				
Peterborough 19/8/61				
LEE HURST				
Nuneaton 21/9/70				
LLOYD McGRATH				
Birmingham 24/2/65	1			
PETER NDLOVU				
Bulawayo 25/2/73				
STEVE OGRIZOVIC				
Mansfield 12/9/57	1			
TREVOR PEAKE				
Nuneaton 10/2/57	1			
ANDY PEARCE				
Bradford-on-Avon 20/4/66	1			
STEWART ROBSON				
Billericay 6/11/64	1			
ROBERT ROSARIO				
Hammersmith 3/3/66	1			
KENNY SANSOM				
Camberwell 26/9/58				
DAVID SMITH				
Gloucester 29/3/68	1			
RAY WOODS				
Birkenhead 7/6/65	1			

Goalscores in **bold** • Substituted * Substituted for ()

FACTS & FIGURES

Highest attendance
46,278 Manchester United v Notts County 17/8/91
Lowest attendance
16,380 Norwich City v Sheffield United 17/8/91
Most goals in match
2 Robert Fleck (Norwich) v Sheffield United 17/8/91
2 Gary Lineker (Spurs) v Southampton 17/8/91
Highest score
Sheffield Wednesday 2 Aston Villa 3 17/8/91
Southampton 2 Spurs 3 17/8/91

DIVISION ONE GOALSCORERS

The opening day of the season saw several 'new boys' score for new clubs — Joe Allon (Chelsea) and Gordon Durie (Spurs) being examples, and interestingly Cyrille Regis (right), Dalian Atkinson and Steve Staunton were all in the score sheet in Villa's 3-2 win at Sheffield Wednesday. The only players to score more than once were Robert Fleck in Norwich's 2-2 draw with Sheffield United and Gary Lineker in Spurs' 3-2 win at Southampton.



SKY BLUES ATTENDANCES

League	Aggregate	Average
Home	18,013	18,013
Away	—	—
Cup		
Home	—	—
Away	—	—

COVENTRY CITY

LINE UP

LUTON TOWN

1 STEVE OGRIZOVIC
2 BRIAN BORROWS
3 KENNY SANSOM
4 STEWART ROBSON
5 ANDY PEARCE
6 TREVOR PEAKE
7 RAY WOODS
8 MICHAEL GYNN
9 ROBERT ROSARIO
10 KEVIN GALLACHER
11 DAVID SMITH

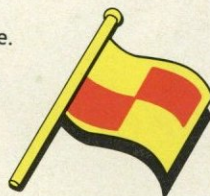
ALEC CHAMBERLAIN
JULIAN JAMES
RICHARD HARVEY
DARRON MacDONAGH
GRAHAM RODGER
JOHN DREYER
SEAN FARRELL
DAVID PREECE
BRIAN STEIN
MARK PEMBRIDGE
KINGSLEY BLACK



R.F. JEAVONS

Tonight's referee - MIKE BAILEY

Mike Bailey is a British Telecom manager from Cambridgeshire. He is married with two sons and was appointed a Football League referee in 1986-87. He was a linesman in the 1983-84 FA Vase Final at Wembley and also ran the line three years later in the UEFA Cup match Inter Milan v Warsaw.



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HALF-TIMES

Aston Villa v Manchester Utd
Manchester City v Liverpool (7.45)
Oldham Athletic v Chelsea
QPR v Norwich City (7.45)
Derby County v Middlesbrough

**NEXT FIXTURE
AT HIGHFIELD ROAD**
Barclays League Division One
Wednesday 28th August
**SKY BLUES v
SHEFFIELD UNITED**
k.o. 7.45pm