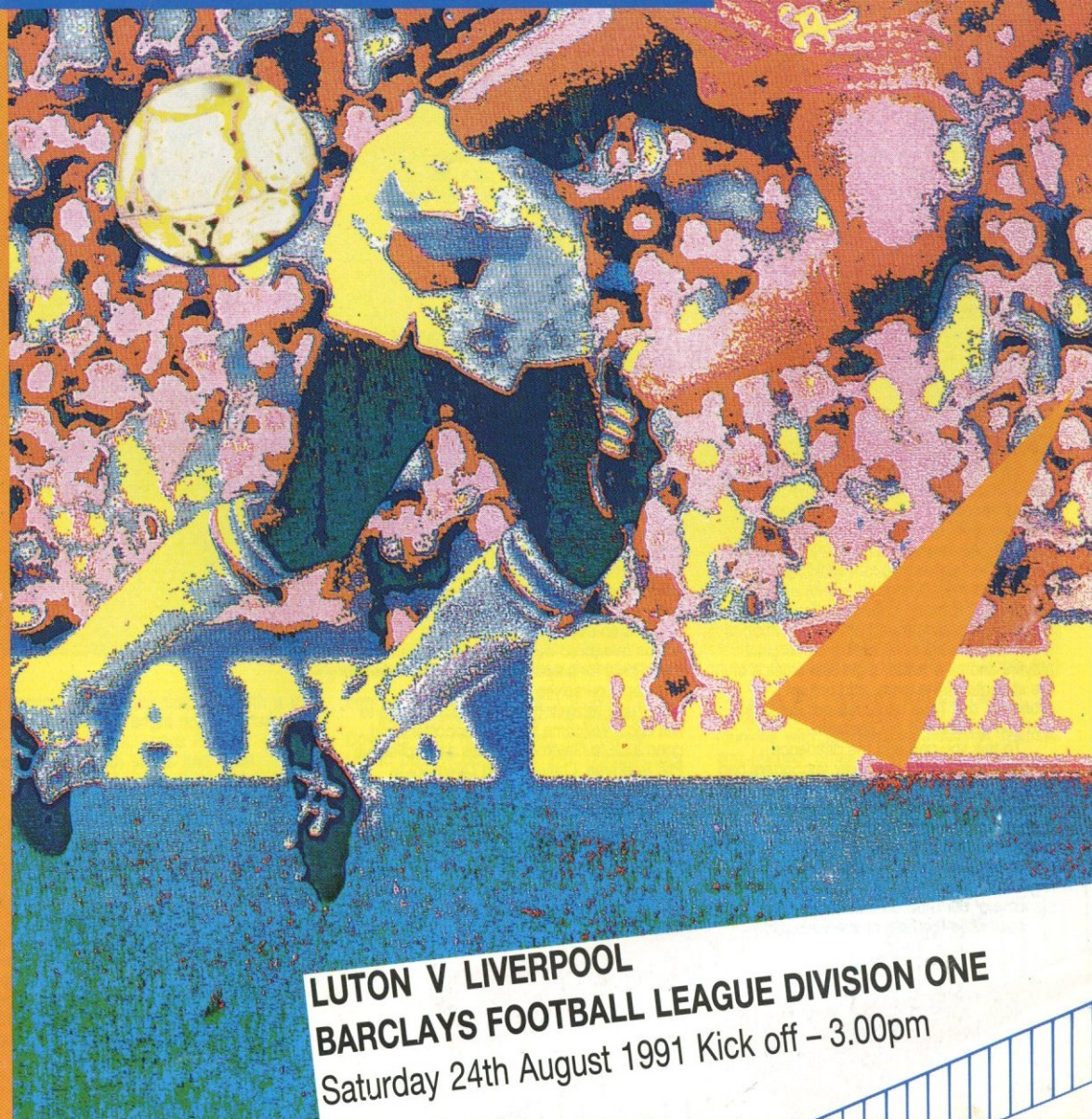


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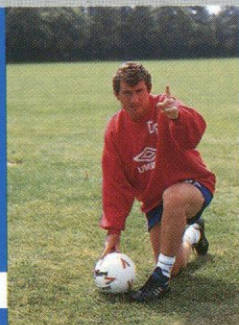
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Welcome back for our 10th year at the top

Welcome back, particularly to all true "Hatters" supporters who have followed our fortunes through thick and thin and understand the particular and sometimes peculiar characteristics of our Club.

Luton Town are living precariously with the big boys for the 10th consecutive year, an achievement which will win no awards, but deserves recognition. It should not be forgotten that the foundation for that survival was laid during those tremendous years as we steered our way to the Division Two Championship. Since gaining the right to play at the top, the Club has been guided through a financial minefield by John Moore, Ray Harford and Jim Ryan and each of them has tasted the unique feeling of leading underdogs. They all did well.

I would particularly like to wish Jim Ryan well in the future. It was no surprise to receive a telegram at Upton Park last week wishing everyone well. But the realisation that a Football Club must be a harmonious team on and off the field was never more clearly manifested than during the events of recent seasons. Chairman - changing, like musical chairs, selling our ground, the acceleration of unaffordable wages, no selling of marginal players and as a result, a gradual erosion of the strength of the team; add unkept promises, that have unnerved our Bankers, and you understand the scenario.

To this you can add the diffidence towards our Club by the away supporters ban and the intolerance towards our artificial pitch.

Althea Gibson the American tennis player once piquantly remarked "No-one ever achieved anything without the help of others". I have come here with one thought; to pull together, observe and help improve the standing of our Club on and off the field.

I will need the help of everyone. Only

those with effort, energy, quality and loyalty will survive.

Welcome back to Brian Stein, and welcome to Philip Gray. Luton can be a perfect platform for his ambitions. We have a clear goal, short term and long. Initially we need maximum gates to support the genuine efforts of our players who can all improve and enable us to defy the odds and get amongst next seasons elitist group. Doing 'time on the grass' you make contacts and seek out the quality to ensure that when the opportunity comes, staff appointments are spot on.

Colin Murphy has done his miles. There are a host of players in the Football League that have responded to his style and advice. Terry Westley our Youth Coach is a newcomer highly recommended by his previous employer John Lyall and the Football Association. Brian Owen our Physiotherapist has served England, Wolves and Ipswich. I thought long, hard and thoroughly before handing them the responsibilities of advising me. John Moore remains to give us the knowledge and energies of his loyalty and is to be rewarded with a Testimonial game.

It is an exciting time ahead and we shall not be overawed despite the fearsome sums being paid for players. We must work together and apply ourselves in all areas.

I have relegated Liverpool's welcome to last spot. Welcome to their supporters and good luck to Graeme Souness and colleague Phil Boersma. I have tipped Liverpool to bounce back with the Championship. There is no substitute for quality but you need a big purse and the sensible philosophy to plough back the profits.

Enjoy the season - it should be exciting but it can only be successful if relationships are cemented everywhere within Kenilworth Road.

First team action



Kingsley Black takes on Ian Bishop during last week's opening day clash with West Ham at Upton Park

The season opened last Saturday with a 0-0 draw for Luton in a bright and entertaining game at Upton Park, writes *Robert Alexander*. For both teams and most supporters, it was a more than satisfactory start as West Ham had marginally the best of the first half, thanks to a threatening spell shortly before the interval, and Luton the best of the second when Mark Pembroke hit the bar with a thumping shot from 25 yards.

The Town's goalless draw was, strangely the only one in the top division on a sun-kissed opening day which saw Arsenal held 1-1 at home by Queens Park Rangers, Chelsea and Wimbledon draw 2-2 (with Paul Elliott scoring for the Blues) and Liverpool coming from behind to beat

newly-promoted Oldham 2-1 at Anfield.

Manchester City were 1-0 winners at Coventry City, hotly-backed Manchester United beat Notts County 2-0, Norwich City drew 2-2 with Sheffield United at Carrow Road and, in an entertaining game, Nottingham Forest overcame Everton 2-1. Ron Atkinson's Aston Villa, visiting his former club Sheffield Wednesday, won 3-2, a score repeated by Tottenham Hotspur at Southampton, where Spurs' new strike-force of Gary Lineker and Gordon Durie were on the mark.

Thus, the Hammers and the Hatters produced the only blank on a day of reunions with Tim Breacker, Mitchell Thomas and Michael Small performing for the Londoners and Iain Dowie waiting in the wings.



Club Comment

by David Kohler
Managing Director

The 1991/92 League Season is now upon us and as usual Luton Town Football Club has had to deal with the financial realities of competing at the highest level. This summer has brought a Club already used to change, even more change.

Today, we welcome away fans, for Barclays League matches, gaze at the new grass pitch, marvel at the new stand, admire the new kit, salute a new Manager, ponder the prospect of a Super League and welcome yet another Chairman.

The recent events have led me to consider the well known phrase "be careful what you want because you might get it!"

There are two topics relating to the Football Club that bring this statement very much to the forefront.

Firstly regarding the resignation of Peter Nelkin which was a result of events subsequent to the change of manager. A group of so called Luton Town fans, decided between themselves that in their opinion, Peter Nelkin should resign in the best interests of the Football Club. They undertook a vendetta against Peter Nelkin and his family using various tactics such as letters, abusive phone calls and death threats, carried out over a number of weeks. I have in my possession proof that Peter Nelkin's phone number has been sent to various people in Luton.

This abuse is far beyond that which any reasonable person should be made to endure and as a direct result of this, Peter resigned as Chairman of the Club. The knock on effect of this was to plunge the Club into yet another financial crisis, which has taken up the majority of my time, caused me many sleepless nights and a

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cancelled holiday. The ultimate conclusion could leave the Board with no option other than to sell a player. Is this what they wanted?

The second topic is that of the proposed Super League of which much has been spoken and even more written. It is now public knowledge that ourselves along with all the other First Division Clubs have resigned from the Football League to set up the Super League. It is my firm intention that Luton Town will be a part of the Super League, both in terms of our playing ability and level of facilities provided in a new stadium (about more of which will be made public in due course).

Will the Super League be good for football? Yes and therefore good for Luton

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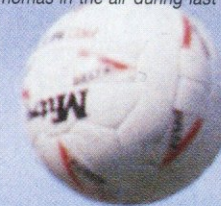
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Action replay

Sean Farrell beats Mitchell Thomas in the air during last week's 0-0 draw



Inside view

By Bill Tomlins



Welcome back after a summer of dramatic change

Once again, I cannot help referring, as I did 12 months ago, to the great changes we have undergone at the club in the close season as we welcome Liverpool to our opening home match. It seems these changes have become almost a part of life for any club which is competing to stay in contention at the top level.

Obviously, there are regrets. There always are. But in football, particularly in management, change is a part of the life. The current board are now looking for a period of continuity and stability. In my own position, of course, I form personal working relationships with the manager and I am glad that none of these have been severed by the events of recent years. More important, for the club, is the fact that I had a very good previous working relationship with David Pleat, who was instrumental in my joining Luton Town more than 10 years ago. His rapport with Luton and his knowledge of football needs no amplification from me.

This is our 10th successive year in the First Division and it is nice to see David taking the team into a new era with so much to play for with the Premier League in mind. I expect to make further comments on this later and for the moment am content to draw your attention to an article which throws some light on the subject on page 23. Naturally, there are strong views held and all I will say now is that by resigning from the League we show our

commitment to the Premier League and supported the principle of three up and three down. I only hope the Football League will be as far-sighted as the F.A. and help give football and its customers the chance to move into the 21st century as effectively as we can.

Big changes have been apparent at all levels. In addition to our new stand, our new grass pitch and re-styled programme, the team are wearing new kit and we have the first opportunity today to see the re-introduction of visitors to Barclays League matches at Kenilworth Road. This all helps to bring us into step with the other 92 clubs.

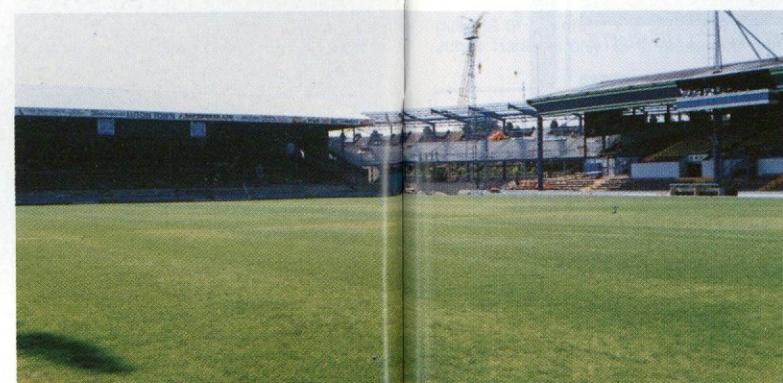
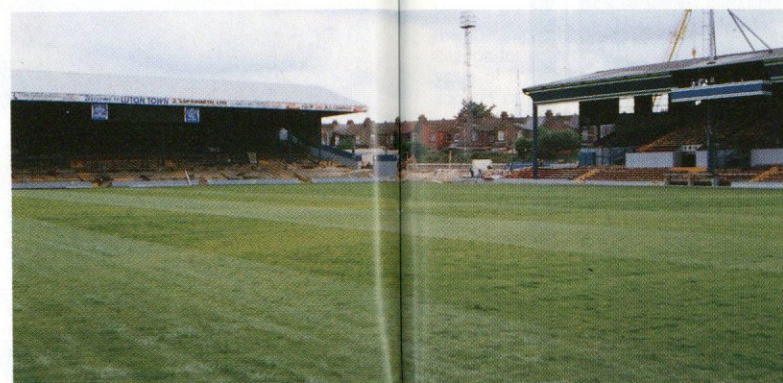
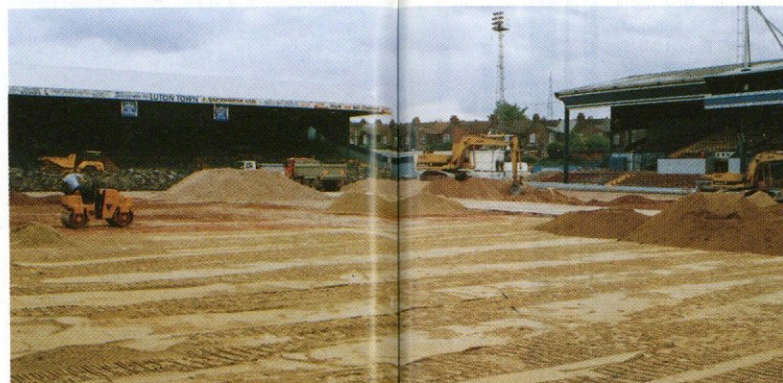
The board most certainly would not have embarked on these changes if they did not believe that the bad behaviour patterns of the past had changed. We have retained our own membership scheme to ensure the safety of our own supporters and whilst we shall be operating a guesting policy that enables our members to bring friends who support the visiting club with them, we will be making sure they are properly segregated.

Only four areas of the ground will have any visiting supporters: the Oak Road Stand, where they will have 2,274 seats, a small area of seats in the new stand, the main stand enclosure and 1,000 seats in blocks F and G of the main stand. The Kenilworth Road standing and seating will be for the accommodation of home supporters only. If any visitors find their way into that area, they will be ejected from the ground.

Naturally, there is some apprehension in the community about these changes, but as everyone in Luton knows there was widespread abuse of the Membership Scheme. This new system will certainly put Luton under the microscope with the media and I have been much encouraged by the support we have received from other clubs whose supporters will only be able to obtain tickets from their club's own official Ticket Offices. No 'away' supporters tickets can be purchased at Kenilworth Road.

While on the subject of tickets, our match at West Ham last Saturday was an all-ticket game, but the police, in their wisdom, decided at the final minute to let in several Luton supporters without tickets. This aggravated those of our supporters who had bought tickets in advance. This was clearly a West Ham police move and it is something which will not be repeated at Kenilworth Road.

Unfortunately, there is a pylon in front of the new stand. This is a temporary obstacle and will be removed in the coming weeks in conjunction with the proposed increase of our floodlights power to 1,000 lux to meet next year's new regulations. Enjoy the game.



The Summer of changes: The old plastic pitch is torn up and replaced by grass as the new stand is built on the old 'triangle'

Captain's diary

John Dreyer



New team is capable of bringing success

Good afternoon to all supporters and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for what I hope will be a promising and fruitful season for the Town.

As you entered the ground this afternoon I am sure you will have noticed the changes which have been made during the Summer. The much maligned pitch has been replaced with grass and a new family stand has been erected in place of the old police box. New seats have been added at the Kenilworth Road end of the ground and I'm sure you will agree, the changes have brightened up the stadium as a whole.

On the playing front, I would like to welcome David Pleat back to the club for his second spell. Along with his assistant Colin Murphy, I am sure they will bring success back to the club. I would also like to welcome old Town favourite Brian Stein back to the club. He has shown already that he is still an exciting player even if he is 33 years of age!

Marc North has also returned to the club along with Tottenham striker Philip Gray. I feel these players, along with the crop of young talent we have at the club will help us strive for success and make all our critics eat their words over the coming nine months.

We used our pre-season friendlies as an experimental exercise and a settling in period for our new players. Our performances in Scotland were good considering the amount of changes we made with players, although

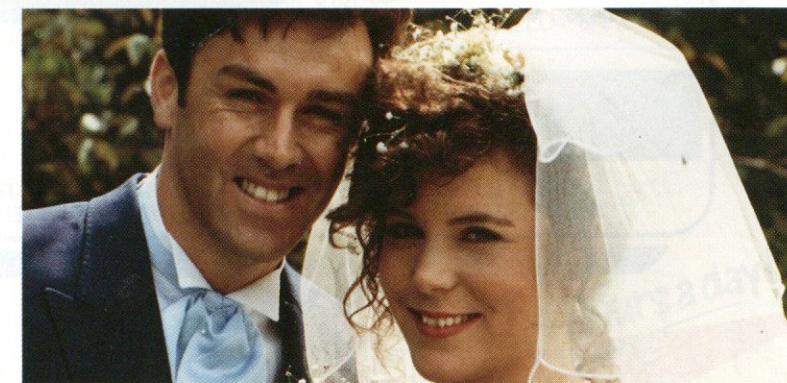
results at Lincoln, Peterborough and Cambridge were not as good as we hoped.

All the new tactics and moves which occurred during the friendlies were put into effect during our opening League match of the season at West Ham United. During a determined performance, I was particularly impressed with young Mark Pembroke. He has come on in leaps and bounds over the last year and is earning the praise from the media he deserves. Another player who shone, particularly in the second half was Brian Stein. Once settled, he looked like he had never been away.

Today we welcome Liverpool, who are going through a transitional spell at the moment. Big signings such as Mark Wright and my old Oxford team mate Dean Saunders are gradually finding their feet and today's game will be a good yardstick against which we can measure ourselves.

As I have said before, it is you the fans who can turn an average performance into a winning one. The loud vocal support achieved here towards the end of last season was definitely one of the reasons why we survived in the First Division, so keep it up!

As you may have read in the local press, I tied the knot in the Summer to Julie, sister of my team-mate Kingsley Black. I am enjoying married life and playing alongside my brother-in-law! Enjoy the match.



Congratulations: John married Kingsley Black's sister Julia during the summer. We wish them a long and happy life together.

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There is also a limited guesting and luncheon facility at an additional charge available, booked on a per match basis.

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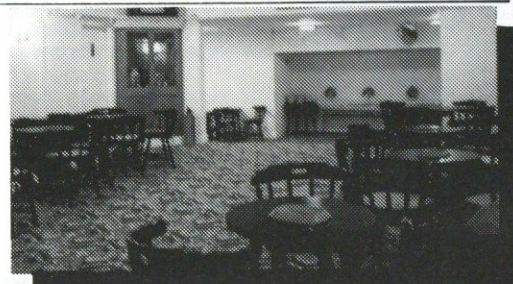
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There is a limited guesting facility at an additional charge on a per match basis.

The dress standard is smart/casual however, jeans are not allowed. Number of members 141.

PRICE £495 + VAT per membership

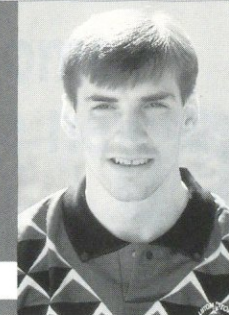


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Juniors



Juniors v Liverpool

Hallo, all you Junior Hatters. I am Alec Chamberlain and I have taken over as your new President for this season. It is customary for me to thank Jason Rees for all the hard work that he put in over his year in office. I know it will be a hard act for me to follow but I look forward to the challenge. I have a lot to tell you so I will get on with it.

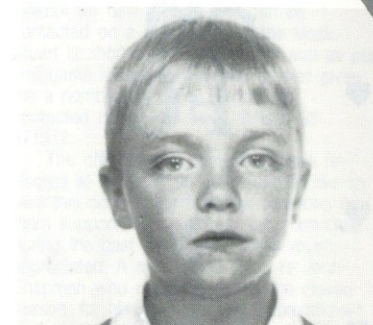
Starting from Sept 1st The Junior Hatters will be run separately from the membership scheme, this offers a great chance for both boys and girls under 16 years of age to participate in the active support of both the team and the club.

Through out the season there will be activity's for you to attend, including an open day when you can come and see us training there will be sports nights, disco's and football training as well as playing football with the Junior supporters of rival clubs in the First Division home and away. If you travel with the Junior Hatters to away games you will have a chance to be the Mascot and run out with the team. I nearly forgot to mention the highlight of the year the Junior Hatters Christmas Party, this is well supported by all the Luton Town players and you have a chance to Mascot at home games if you are lucky enough to pull out of the draw. The price to be a Junior Hatter is only £3 in return you will

receive a membership card a badge and your own Junior Hatters Scarf. You can do this by filling in the form at the bottom of this page.

On Saturday September 21st we will be doing a sponsored walk to send a sick or deprived child on a soccer related holiday to the U.S.A. so come on all you Junior Hatters call in to the sports shop in Oak Road for more details and a sponsor form, lets see how much we can collect.

Today's Mascot is Michael Kinloch. He is 6 years old he attends Southfield Infants School and plays football for Lewsey Broncos.



Mascot Michael Kinloch

Junior Hatters Club Enrolment Form

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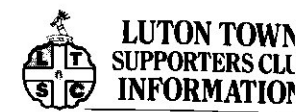
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Fans' view

Welcome to the new season



A special welcome to old faces who have returned to Kenilworth Road, David, Brian and Mark. Also to some new faces Colin Murphy, Philip Gray and Brian Owen. I hope they have all settled in and are looking forward to a new season with us.

There will be a new look and feel to the ground today with the grass pitch, away fans back and a very impressive new stand. You will also note that our kiosk has

moved, it is outside the ground at the Kenilworth Road end near the ticket office, we will be there after each home game.

Our supporters football teams are ready for the new season, the ladies played their first friendly in July and won. Well done girls! Stuart and Sara are always on the lookout for new players and can be contacted on a match day at the kiosk. Stuart is short of team members and as our first game is against Chelsea he has given me a number on which he can be contacted during the week, it is 0483 571372.

The officials and committee were re-elected at the AGM in July. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support to myself and the committee during the past year, it has been much appreciated. A special thankyou to John Chapman who resigned during the closed season, for his hard work and commitment to the supporters club. Welcome to Les Skinner who was proposed and elected from the floor to take John's place.

Congratulations to skipper John Dreyer and new wife Julie and also well done to Louise Preece who gave birth to a lovely daughter Ella - a sister for Tabatha.

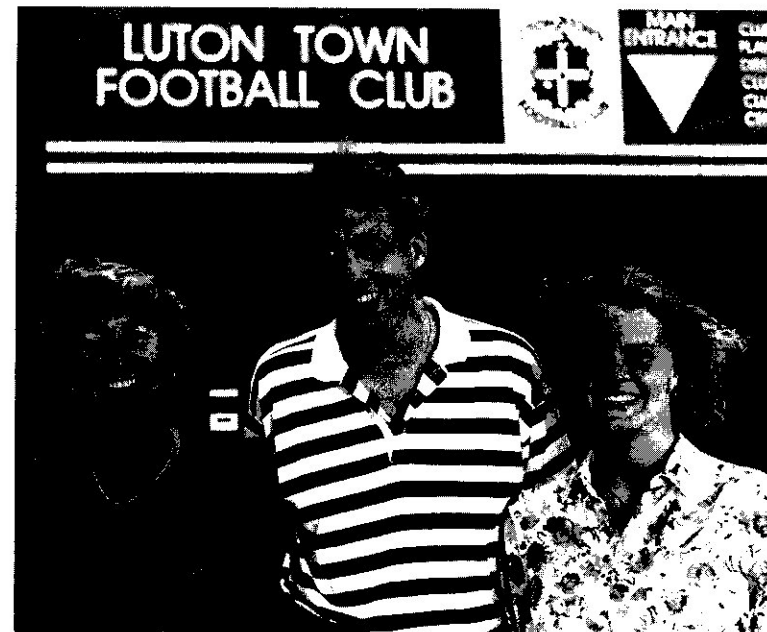
We had a very pleasant trip to Thames studios to see the recording of "French Fields". Thanks to Nick Owen for arranging the tickets.

I had the pleasure of meeting Steve Herman and his girlfriend Pia and with the help of Bill Tomlin they were able to look around the ground and meet some of the players. Steve is a member of the Danish branch of the supporters club - 30 strong at present. They have produced their own Newsletter of which we have a copy, so if there is a translator amongst you we'd be interested to know what they have said!!

Enjoy the game and give the lads the support they deserve.

Pam Gray, chairperson, Luton Town Supporters Club

Pam Gray with Steve Herman and girlfriend Pia.



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WELCOME TO LUTON

This afternoon we welcome all the newcomers on the club's staff for the 1991-92 season. David Pleat, our new team manager, is of course returning to familiar territory, but for his assistant Colin Murphy, youth team coach Terry Westley and physiotherapist Brian Owen it is a fresh move in their hitherto successful careers.

Colin has been a manager at Lincoln City, Stockport County and Derby County while Terry has previously been with Ipswich Town. Brian also spent a long and happy period with the Suffolk club during an association with Bobby Robson which also gave him England experience.

On the playing staff, we welcome back Brian Stein who has re-joined the club after his spells in France and also extend a warm welcome to Philip Gray who signed for the club last week after agreeing to a transfer from Tottenham Hotspur. Marc North has also rejoined the club as a trialist as has giant goalkeeper Juergen Sommer, a 22-year-old goalkeeper who is an American holder of a German passport with three B caps won playing for the United States.

LONG-SERVING REFS

Hampshire official John Martin, who has been in charge of many Town games in the past, will this season establish a record when he extends his refereeing career into a fifth year beyond the normal retirement age of 48. Another six experienced officials have also been offered the chance of continuing beyond their normal retirement age – Lester Shapter of Torquay, George Courtney of Spennymoor, Roger Milford of Bristol, Tony Ward of London, Alan Gunn of Sussex and Neil Midgley of Bolton.

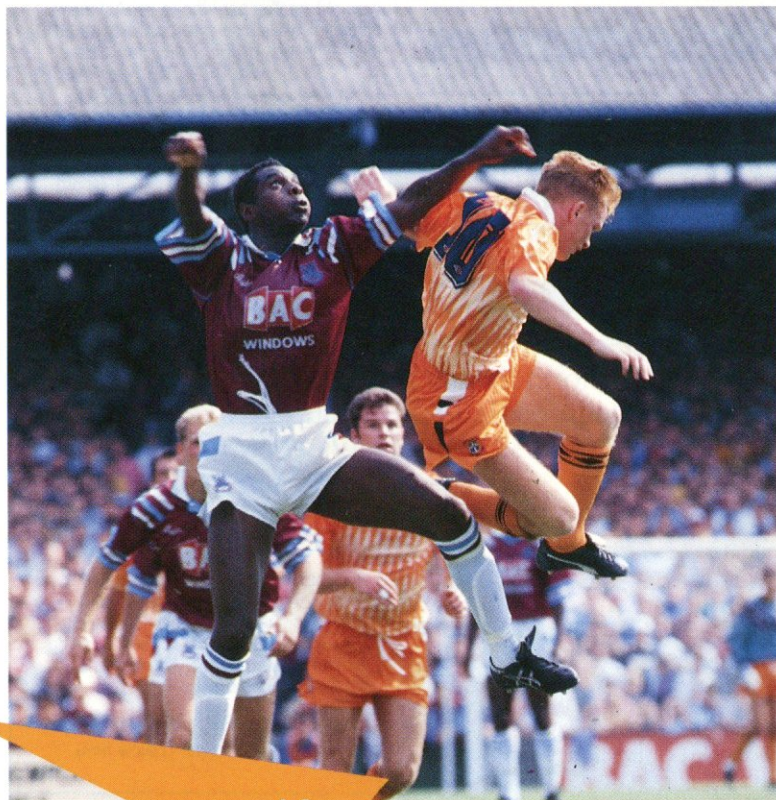
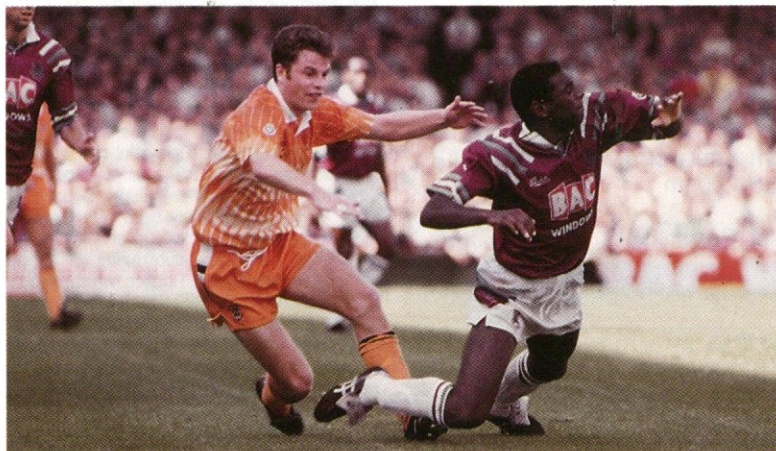
The Men in Charge

Referee – John Moules (Erith, Kent)

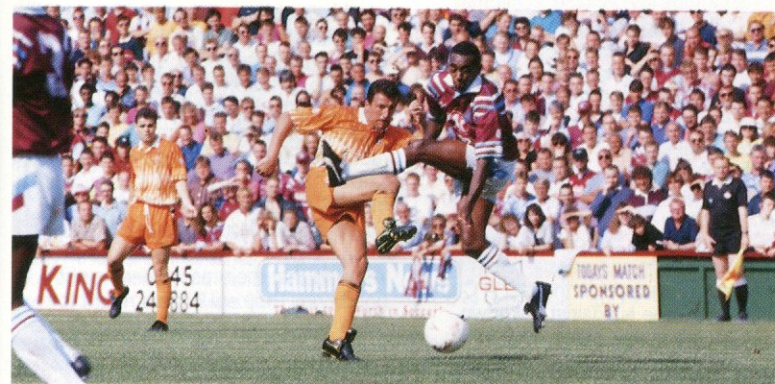
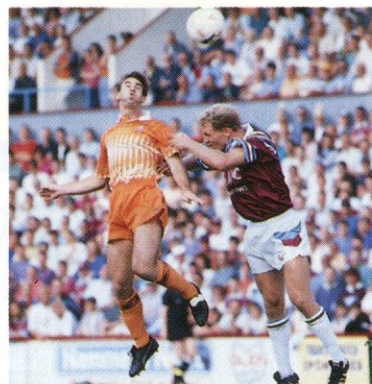
A communications consultant, John commenced refereeing in Essex and progressed via the Football Combination to the Football League list in 1980. Outside football he enjoys Golf, Athletics and listening to music.

Linesmen: R.W. Pellatt (Red trim)
A. Schneider (Yellow trim).

Action replay



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Kingsley Black (above) was in good form at Upton Park where the Northern Ireland winger came up against his old friends Mitchell Thomas and Tim Breacker.

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Today's visitors

By Luke Nicoli

Welcome to Liverpool



Good Afternoon and a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Liverpool for the opening home Barclays league game of season 1991/92. As the most successful club in England over the past thirty years, they need little introduction to regular followers of football.

The Reds start the new season determined to re-capture the League Championship from Arsenal, after ending last season trophyless. A newly added steel will surely emerge from the Liverpool squad this season due to the introduction of former Rangers boss Graeme Souness. Mr Souness has already made his intentions clear, signing England defender Mark Wright from Derby County in a £2.2 million deal and within days, his Derby team-mate Dean Saunders in a British club record deal of £2.9 million.

Two weeks ago, Liverpool also captured the signing of Rangers forward

Mark Walters for £1.5 million.

Liverpool's continuing dominance of the First Division has been achieved by some outstanding individual performances such as those of winger John Barnes and the excellent goalscoring form of Ian Rush, who scored a total of 16 league goals last term. Strength in depth has also meant that players of international class such as Jan Molby and Ronnie Rosenthal have been used effectively when called upon. Last season was not a success by Liverpool's high standards. They were knocked out of the FA Cup by rivals Everton. Their run in the Rumbelows League Cup was short lived, going down to Manchester United and they ended the League season in second place – a success by most club's standards, but not at Anfield. 1991/92 season also sees a return to Europe for Liverpool in the UEFA Cup. Their first game is against unknown Finnish side Kuusysi Lahti.

Liverpool were formed in 1892 by

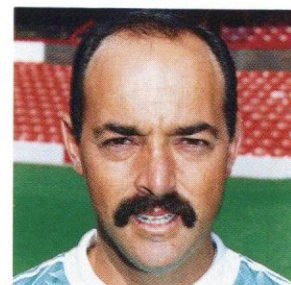
businessman John Houlding, previously Everton's landlord and most ardent supporter. Everton were the only League club in Liverpool at the time and played their home games at Anfield. A disagreement between Houlding and Everton meant Everton moved, and Liverpool AFC were formed. Houlding established a limited company which achieved First Division status in just two seasons.

Liverpool have won the League title on eighteen occasions which is a Football League record. They won the F.A. Cup in 1965, 74, 86 and 89, and have won the League Cup four times, Liverpool also have an impressive record in Europe, winning the European Cup in 1977, 78, 81 and 84. They won the UEFA Cup in 1973 and 76, and European Supercup Winners in 1977.

Liverpool come to Kenilworth Road knowing that their record here is not a good one. They will hope a return to grass will change recent scorelines and hopefully set the club up for yet another successful season.

Reds On Parade

BRUCE GROBBELAAR (goalkeeper) – Bruce has now played over 400 games for Liverpool since joining the club from Vancouver Whitecaps for £250,000 in 1981. He made his League debut in 1979 playing for Crewe, whilst in England holidaying. Bruce is a Rhodesian international.



Bruce Grobbelaar

BARRY VENISON (defender) – Barry started his career at Sunderland, making his league debut in a 2-0 defeat at Notts County in 1981. After becoming captain and making over 170 league appearances for the Rokerites, he signed for Liverpool for £150,000 in 1986.

MARK WRIGHT (defender) – Signed from Derby for £2.2 million last month, Mark made his League debut in 1981 in the colours of Oxford United. He joined Southampton in 1982 and it was during his time at The Dell that he established himself as an England international. Derby signed him for £660,000 in 1987.

DAVID BURROWS (defender) – After only two full seasons as a regular in the West Bromwich side, David was signed for Liverpool for £500,000 in 1988. Almost immediately, he became a regular, not only in the Reds' side, but also for the England Under 21 team.

GARY ABLETT (defender) – Gary developed in the junior teams at Anfield, but made his League debut on loan at Derby in a 3-2 defeat V Bournemouth in 1985. He spent another loan period at Hull City before making his debut for Liverpool in 1987. Gary is an England Under 21 international.

STEVE NICOL (defender) – Versatile Steve started his career at Ayr United, making his debut V Arbroath in 1979. He moved on to Liverpool in a £300,000 deal in 1981. Introduced to the Scotland side in 1984, Steve has captained both club and country and will be looking to form a strong defensive partnership with Mark Wright.

RONNIE WHELAN (midfield) – After joining Liverpool from Home Farm (Dublin), Ronnie scored on his League debut V Stoke City in 1981. He has since maintained a fine scoring record from midfield, and his form has been rewarded with over 40 Republic of Ireland caps and the Liverpool captaincy. He returns to the side after missing the latter half of last season through injury.

STEVE MCMAHON (midfield) – Steve started his career at neighbouring Everton, making his League debut V Sunderland in 1981. After three seasons at Goodison Park, he signed for Aston Villa for £300,000 in 1983. Liverpool signed him for £350,000 two seasons later and, after collecting six Under 21 caps, has now played for the full England team on 17 occasions.

RAY HOUGHTON (midfield) – Ray started his League career at West Ham but, after making only one League appearance for the Hammers, was transferred to Fulham in 1982. He moved on to Oxford who paid a then club record of £125,000 for his signature in 1985. It was at the Manor Ground that Ray made a name for himself, prompting Liverpool to sign him for £825,000 in 1987. Ray is an Eire international.

RONNIE ROSENTHAL (forward) – Ronnie is an Israeli international who was signed from Standard Liege in May 1990. He made a remarkable impact when introduced to the Liverpool side in 1990, scoring a hat-trick on his debut V Charlton Athletic. Unfortunately Ronnie failed to live up to the expectations expected of him last season, and constantly found himself on the subs' bench.

JOHN BARNES (forward) – John started his career at Watford, gaining a regular first team spot after making his debut in 1981. He was a member of the Watford side defeated by Everton in the 1984 FA Cup Final. John signed for Liverpool for £900,000 in 1987, scoring fifteen times in his first season. He has been capped for England on over 60 occasions.

STEVE MCMANAMAN (forward) – Steve, who is a product of the youth policy at Anfield, broke into the first team during the latter half of last season. His full potential has been realised by Mr Souness and could play today in place of the injured Ian Rush.

IAN RUSH (forward) – Ian scored 182 goals in his first spell at Anfield after being signed from Chester for £300,000 in 1980. He set a new club record with 47 goals in 1983/4, fastly becoming Europe's finest striker. He moved to Juventus in a £3 million deal in 1987 but returned to Anfield a year later. His phenomenal goalscoring record has continued, scoring 16 league goals last term.

DEAN SAUNDERS (forward) – Signed for a British club record of £2.9 million last month, Dean had previously been Derby County's leading goalscorer for the past three seasons. He emerged with Swansea. Then, after a loan spell with Cardiff, he was transferred to Brighton in 1985. He moved on to Oxford in 1987, leading their scoring lists with 21 in his first season. Derby signed him for £1 million in 1988.

MARK WALTERS (forward) – Mark, who played on England's recent tour to New Zealand, started his career at Aston Villa. He made his debut in a 4-1 defeat V Leeds Utd and established himself as a first team regular for the following six seasons. He signed for Glasgow Rangers in a £1 million deal in 1988 and linked up with his former boss again earlier this month.

The Last Time We Met...

23rd February, 1991 (Division One)

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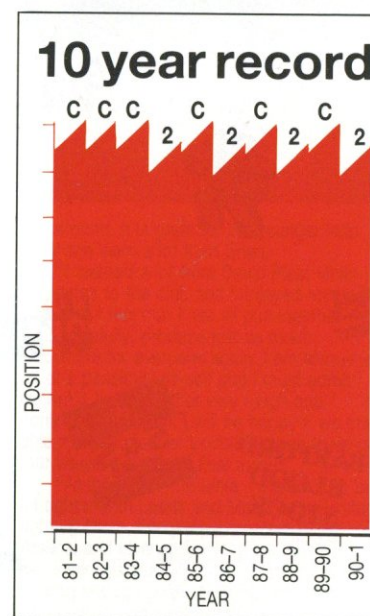
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LUTON: Chamberlain, Johnson, James, Beaumont, Rodger, Dreyer, Elstrup, Preece, Dowie, Pembridge, Rees.

LIVERPOOL: Grobbelaar, Hysen, Burrows, Nicol, Gillespie, Ablett, Speedie, Staunton, Rush, Molby, Barnes.

Liverpool came to Kenilworth Road in a blaze of publicity following the shock resignation of manager Kenny Dalglish the previous day. The Town again proved their supremacy on plastic against the League champions, comfortably winning 3-1 with two goals from Ian Dowie and a single strike from Kingsley Black. Although the victory was a major scalp for the Town, they still remained in fifteenth place in Division One with Liverpool dropping to second place behind eventual champions Arsenal.



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Player profile

David Preece

It has been anything but a quiet summer for David Preece. Determined to maintain his fitness level, he allowed himself only two weeks' break before he was back running to build up his stamina in preparation for the new season – and the arrival of his second daughter Ella at the end of July. For David, of course, the return to Kenilworth Road of David Pleat, in the manager's office, and Brian Stein, in the number nine shirt, has meant a reunion with old friends as he goes into his eighth season with the club determined to maintain the form and consistency which has made him one of the Town's most popular players since he made his debut against Aston Villa on December 8, 1984.

"I scored in that game," recalled David. "But it was a mis-hit shot and it went in the bottom corner and we won 1-0. It seems a long time ago now. I am 28 now," he said. "And I really want to keep on playing as long as I can. I really feel fit this year, perhaps because I worked hard in the summer. I would like to go on until I am 36 or more if I can. It may be because I missed the best part of two seasons when I had my knee and ankle injuries – although I was lucky enough to play in two Wembley cup finals, winning once – that I feel only 26 really. I think if I can keep clear of injuries I can keep on for years. Just look at Brian Stein for a good example of staying fit."

"He was one of our team of the 1984 to 1988 period who left the club and who came back last weekend and showed he could still do it. I think Brian showed he is as sharp and as fit as he has ever been and he has got a good head and great vision. With players like



DAVID PREECE FACT FILE

Born: Bridgnorth, 28-5-63.

FL Debut: Walsall v Chester
17-1-81

Walsall career: 131 (4) apps,
11 goals

Joined Luton: December 1984.

Luton career (to July, 1991):

214 (3) apps, 8 goals.

International honours: England 'B'.

him around, it is great for the younger lads. They can learn a lot from Brian.

"I learned a lot from David Pleat when I first came to the club and I enjoyed my work with him. I feel that if we all pull together we can, hopefully, produce just as much enjoyment for everyone again. I am always a bit of a pessimist myself and I must admit I expect it to be another very tough and competitive season. I will be happy if we are able to steer clear of trouble at least three or four weeks before the final match."

"At the top of the table, I expect it to be a lot tighter with Leeds and Manchester United right up there. Everyone expects it to be Arsenal and Liverpool again, but I think it will be closer this year. Our own problem could be scoring enough goals. With the departure of Lars Elstrup and his 18 goals last year, we

have to find a new source. It is not easy and goals are worth points at the end of the season."

"Having said that, we have a good squad with some great young players and a good team spirit. With a bit more experience, I think we could be a top 12 team again. I hope so because I want us to be there, Superleague or not. So far as that is concerned, I would only say that I'd like to see the FA and the League getting together instead of falling out."

"On a brighter note, I think it was great to see English clubs back in Europe last season. My only regret was that when we won the Littlewoods Cup in 1988, we did not have the chance to play in a European competition. I think we might have surprised a few teams. We shall be hoping to do just that again this season, of course."





David Preece



Sean Farrell had a bruising afternoon at West Ham last week and was unlucky not to score.

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The Premier League debate

Q: What has brought about a Premier League?

A: The present League structure neither efficiently looks after the top of the First Division or the bottom of the Fourth Division. Effective change is virtually impossible under the current Football League system as its voting composition very often has a frustrating effect on real progress. All First Division clubs have unanimously voted in favour of an autonomous Premier League which not only looks after its own commercial affairs but also gives the lower divisions the opportunity to take advantage of new areas which hitherto have been unavailable to them with the guarantee by the Football Association to the lower divisions of financial assistance if needed.

Q: What will change?

A: The administration of the Premier League will run under the auspices of the Football Association probably from the Headquarters of the Football Association at Lancaster Gate with eventually a reduced number of clubs in the League (our view is that 18 is optimum) with rigid criteria on grounds so that the ultimate beneficiary will be the spectator.

Q: Will there be promotion and relegation?

A: This is absolutely essential - no one wants a sterile League. It is incorrect to say that the First Division are "breaking away" - we wish to preserve the flow from top to bottom and if administered efficiently all professional clubs will be able to benefit.

Q: Is this all about money?

A: No, it's about progress, management, the future. Money of course plays a significant role - we need to compete and beat the best of the world's opposition. We will never be in a position to do so unless the system allows for more equitable division of income and market forces are allowed to prevail. It should be appreciated that all monies generated get recycled back into the game. We only need to look how many of our best players have recently gone abroad for more fame and more fortune - Hateley, Hoddle, Waddle, Gascoigne, Platt. Its one

way traffic in the wrong direction. We must be in a position to retain our best players.

Q: Won't a Premier League just benefit an elite few clubs?

A: Not at all, this is a popular misconception. The Football Association's Chief Executive Graham Kelly has assured the lower divisions that the Football Association will indemnify them for any shortfall in their income stream due to the establishment of a Premier League. However we believe, and indeed the Football League's own Commercial Director Trevor Phillips is on record as saying that with restructuring, the lower divisions will probably be better off. Clearly the Second, Third and Fourth Divisions are vital to English football and it is essential that they are encouraged and prosper.

Q: Who will be the ultimate beneficiary in the Premier League?

A: Firstly the spectator because there will be better facilities and stricter criteria for grounds. Secondly, the international team because when the Premier League is finally reduced, the England manager will have more time with his players. Thirdly, football generally because progress will be able to be made without the confines of an unwieldy system.

Q: When will the Premier League start and who will be part of it?

A: All current First Division clubs will be resigning from the Football League, and the Football Association will establish a Premier League for the commencement of the 1992/93 season. The 22 clubs who will be in the First Division at the end of this current season (after promotion and relegation) will represent the new Premier League. It is the Football Association's intention that the Premier League will be reduced initially to 20 clubs by a system of probably three down and two up for two years.

Q: What is the situation with legal action?

A: We believe that this was a misconceived venture from start to finish by the Football League which has been proved in the verdict and it has cost Football League clubs £1 million to date in legal fees which is quite immoral and could have been avoided. At the time of going to print we understand that the Football League are considering appealing the recent Judgement - it is quite improper for the Football League to be wasting more money particularly when you consider that the First Division are funding an Action against themselves.

Hopefully we have now seen the end of legal hostilities and both the Football League and Football Association can conduct negotiations to effect a smooth transition for the Premier League to commence season 92/93.

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Q: What will this mean to Luton Town?

A: This will give Luton Town an opportunity to enhance the club's status, quality and facilities as rapidly and comprehensively as possible on and off the field. We do not want to be part of a sterile league.

Q: What role will television play in the new Premier League?

A: There will be joint negotiations between the Football Association and the Premier League together with broadcasters but the current television contract has another year to run.

Q: There has been some talk in the papers by Gordon Taylor the Chief Executive of the PFA about a players strike in order to discourage the formation of a Premier League.

A: Any talk of a players strike is quite irresponsible. We see no reason why any professional footballer will be put out of work because of the Premier League. Football will be healthier and wealthier due to the Premier League.

ODDS AGAINST

The Town's hopes of winning the championship have not been heavily supported by the odds on offer at the bookmakers this season. At 250-1, they are the rank outsiders. But that is unlikely to worry anyone at Kenilworth Road as we celebrate our 10th consecutive year in the First Division since winning promotion in 1982. Favourites for the title, according to Ladbrokes, are Arsenal and Liverpool at 7-4 with Manchester United 7-1 and Leeds United at 12-1.

FROM PLASTIC TO GRASS

The Town's return to a grass pitch this season means that for the first time in 10 years all the First and Second Division clubs will be playing on turf. Both Luton and Oldham have made the switch from synthetic surfaces to grass this summer, leaving Preston North End as the only club with an artificial surface.

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Action replay



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Mark Pembridge was in the thick of the action at Upton Park, clearing off his own goaline and hitting the bar at the other end – and also picking up an unlucky caution, he earned plenty of plaudits and he deserved them.

Looking back

The day Mike Newell will never forget



The Town had started off 1986/87 reasonably well and by 25th October when Liverpool were due to visit Kenilworth Road, the team sat in a mid-table position, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

The main problem had been goalscoring, with only one effort finding the net in the previous six games. Mick Harford, who could normally be relied upon for a fair quota of goals, had not played at all that season because of injury, and with young Liverpoolian Mike Newell starting to become the butt of the crowd because of the unfair comparison, it

was difficult to see where goals would come from.

The mantle of goalscorer had fallen on the shoulders of Brian Stein but the pressure was beginning to tell as proved by a penalty miss at Old Trafford the previous week which would have produced the first point at Manchester United since Victorian times.

Liverpool were comfortably placed in third position and as you would expect from a team that had won the League and Cup double the previous season, started the game full of confidence with only three men at the back.

After 14 minutes Luton full back Rob Johnson sent a long ball down the middle and with Newell beating Jan Molby for pace it became a one-on-one situation with the goalkeeper which the Luton forward won.

Twenty minutes later Mal Donaghy found space on the left and put in a hard, low cross which Bruce Grobbelaar missed leaving Newell with a simple tap-in.

buzzing crowd

The crowd was by now, quite understandably, buzzing and when Ricky Hill converted a David Preece cross after a mix-up in the Liverpool defence three minutes from half-time the atmosphere was euphoric.

Three goals up at half-time was beyond the imagination of even the most biased Luton supporter and when Newell notched his hat-trick, just after the break, with a brave diving header, after Ricky Hill had hit the bar, a cricket-score was on the cards.

Liverpool re-organised their defence and abandoned the offside trap after the fourth goal but it was too late and although they gained a consolation penalty, put away by Molby just before the end, it was still the heaviest defeat suffered by manager Kenny Dalglish.

fair reflection

Dalglish, who had been unable to play because of a knee injury, admitted that the result was a fair reflection of the game and went home deliberating on the fact that Liverpool had previously gone 181 games since last letting in four goals.

The win proved to be the springboard which eventually pushed the Town up to their highest ever League position of seventh at the season's end and everyone now loved Mike Newell.

LUTON TOWN - SEALEY, JOHNSON, FOSTER, DONAGHY, GRIMES (WILSON), HILL, NICHOLAS, PREECE, M.STEIN, B.STEIN, NEWELL.

LIVERPOOL - GROBBELAAR, VENISON (JOHNSTON), LAWRENSON, HANSON, MOLBY, BEGLIN, NICOL, WHELAN, McMAHON, WALSH, RUSH.

ATT: 13,140

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IT HAPPENED FIVE YEARS AGO:-

26/8/86 — The first home game of the season produced a 2-1 win over Southampton with goals from Robert Wilson, on his home debut, and Brian Stein.

IT HAPPENED TEN YEARS AGO:-

29/8/81 — Newly promoted Charlton, with Paul Walsh in their line up, were easily seen off 3-0 at Kenilworth Road watched by a crowd of 8,776. Brian Horton made a storming debut in this game.

IT HAPPENED FIFTEEN YEARS AGO:-

24/8/76 — After a fine opening day home win over Sheffield United, the Town came unstuck at Hull, losing 3-1. Ricky Hill scored the Town goal in front of a crowd of 5,400.

IT HAPPENED TWENTY YEARS AGO:-

21/8/71 — The Town, now lacking Malcolm MacDonald who had been transferred to Newcastle in the close season, were always second best to Burnley in a 2-1 defeat at Turf Moor.

Viv Busby scored the Luton consolation before a crowd of 13,333 and several million on "Match of the Day".

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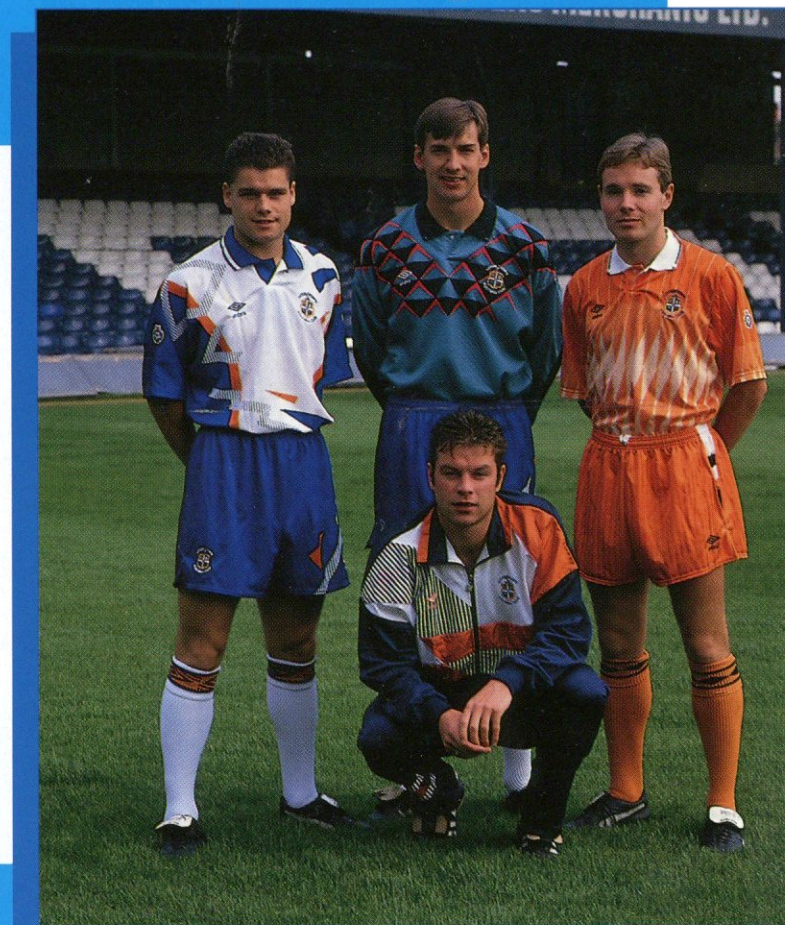
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And coming here next- SOUTHAMPTON



...Tuesday, September 4, 1991, kick-off 7.45 p.m.

Fellow First Division strugglers last season, Southampton are the next visitors to Kenilworth Road for our second home match of the new season on September 4.

Under the guidance of former Reading boss Ian Branfoot this season, Southampton will be looking to improve

on their form over recent seasons which has seen them struggle to live up to the expectations placed on them by many pundits. With such a good balance of youthful skill and experience in the side, Mr Branfoot will hope his style of management will finally bring success to the south coast side.

Although the Saints' lost forward Rodney Wallace to Leeds in the close season, they still have an exciting front

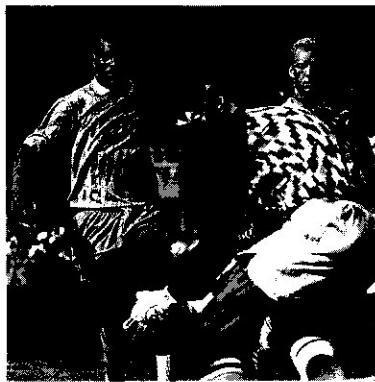
line with the raw talent of Matthew Le Tissier, who scored 19 League goals last season, and Alan Shearer. Added to this the experience of captain Glenn Cockerill and Barry Horne, Southampton have a promising season ahead of them.

Last season saw a thrilling game at Kenilworth Road, a game in which seven goals were scored. Goals from James, Dreyer and Elstrup were not enough and the Town went down 4-3 in a very close match. Come to Kenilworth Road on September 4 which will hopefully see an equally exciting match, but this time a reverse in the scoreline!



Action replay

Brian Stein, Sean Farrell, Darron McDonough and Kingsley Black in opening day action at Upton Park.



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What a Wonderful feeling!

By ROY BENTLEY

50 years a sports journalist
60 years a Luton Town lover

THAT wonderful Wembley winning goal in the Littlewoods Cup Final stays among our happy memories forever.

BRIAN STEIN, welcome home!

The last time I saw Brian he produced another winner. Not from the foot, but the mouth.

The then club chairman, David Evans, could never have heaped more praise on a player than when he paid tribute to Brian's

service and loyalty to Luton on the night of the testimonial match with Caen at Kenilworth Road.

After the applause came the Stein stunner: "If I was that bloody good, why did you get rid of me?"

Why, indeed? The chairman said it was not his decision. Perhaps it wasn't. But almost before Brian had learned to say "Qui, Qui" we were badly missing the copper-coloured ace.

Think of Joe Payne, Hugh Billington, Jesse Pye, Gordon Turner, Ron Davies, Paul Walsh, Mick Harford. Mix all round skills and scoring ability with achievements for Luton Town and our Steinie comes out top of the lot.

Can Brian do it all again for the Hatters? Desperately, we hope so. He's certainly got the right man to tell him how.

DAVID PLEAT, welcome back!

Those of us with grey hair and long memory rate the football David produced in that super Second Division championship year, 1982, as Luton's finest ever.

At the beginning of the following season I asked David Coates, then the first team coach, if he was not a little jealous of Pleat receiving all the glory, praise and publicity.

"Never," he told me. "I coach using the

various things I've picked up at previous clubs where I've played and served.

"David Pleat is an original thinker. Not only can he change tactics, but he can create a completely new playing method for the team. Alf Ramsey could do that, but not many others."

There was one feature of Coates' coaching of which he was very proud. "Throw-ins", he said. "I was better than David Pleat at throw-ins."

Coates had developed a way of playing from them, usually with Brian Stein involved. It was very successful.

The one certain thing Luton won't be throwing in this season is . . . the towel. It's going to be a tough winter, but they'll battle through to the end. Remember Maine Road 1983? The Baseball ground 1990?

First Division paupers Luton Town maybe, but with Pleat plotting, Preece passing, Stein scheming and Black blasting in some gem goals with that super left foot we are going to give all those multi-million pound teams a run for their massive money.

Premier League, here we come!

YOUR FOOTBALL DIARY

July 21 - Charlton sign Crystal Palace forward Phil Barber for £100,000. They also find out that they will be forced to start the season at Upton Park as building work at The Valley is incomplete.

Port Vale sign Oxford United's Martin Foyle for a club record fee of £375,000.

July 22 - David Platt sets a new British record by signing for Italian side Bari for £5.5 million. He is immediately made club captain.

Nottingham Forest smash their club record by signing prolific Millwall striker Teddy Sheringham for £2 million.

Manchester United sign Danish international goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel from Brondby for £650,000. They also agree to release Les Sealey who joins Aston Villa on a two year contract.

July 23 - A mystery assault on Leeds striker Carl Shutt leaves the 29 year old in hospital with several stitches.

Brian Kilcline signs for newly promoted Oldham in a £500,000 deal from Coventry.

July 24 - Peter Eustace signs a two-year deal as manager of Third Division Leyton Orient.

July 25 - Steve Williams is released from the Town and immediately starts pre-season training with his first club Southampton. Aston Villa complete the signing of Kevin Richardson from Real Sociedad for £450,000.

July 26 - Middlesbrough sign Watford striker Paul Wilkinson for £500,000.

July 27 - Town favourite Brian Stein returns to Kenilworth Road after two years at French First Division outfit Caen.

July 27 - Aston Villa sign Liverpool and Eire defender Steve Staunton for £1.5 million. Former Town striker Marc North re-signs for the club from Leicester on a monthly contract with a view to make it permanent.

July 28 - David Platt scores his first goal for Bari in a 4-0 victory over San Dona. Paul Furlong joins Coventry City from non-League Enfield in a £100,000 deal.

July 29 - Trevor Steven's proposed £5.5 million move to French champions Olympique Marseille is called off.

Notts County sign 22-year-old Exeter defender Richard Dryden for £250,000.

August 2 - In the Makita tournament at Highbury, Sampdoria beat West Ham 6-1 with reserve striker Renato Buso scoring four goals. In the other match Arsenal beat Greek double winners Panathinaikos 1-0.

Coventry's Kenny Samsom, Trevor Peake and Lloyd McGrath are all put on the transfer list following a late night drinking session on tour in Scotland.

August 3 - Sampdoria win the Makita tournament for the second year running, winning on penalties against Arsenal after the match ended 1-1.

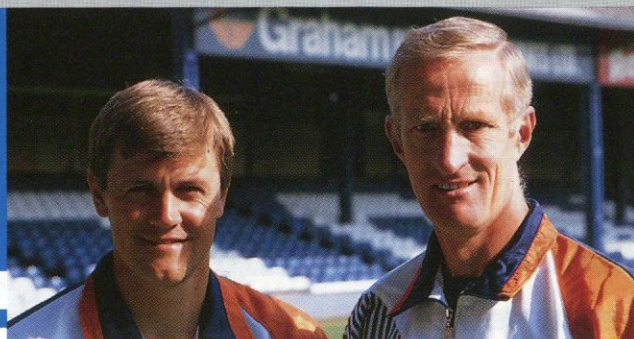
August 5 - England and QPR defender Paul Parker signs for Manchester United in a £2 million deal.

Alan Ball becomes the new manager of Exeter City following Terry Cooper's shock decision to leave.

August 6 - Wimbledon's Keith Curle becomes the most expensive defender in Britain following his £2.5 million move to Manchester City.

Everton sign City pair Mark Ward and Alan Harper in a combined fee of £1.3 million. The Town draw a friendly at Lincoln City 2-2.

Reserves and youth



Bobbers Travel Club

PLEASE NOTE - No bookings are being taken at the Bobbers Club in Oak Road. Bookings can be made in any of the following ways:

1. From our NEW Ticket Kiosk at the Kenilworth Road turnstiles before any Saturday 1st-team home match from 2.00 p.m. to kick-off (2.45 p.m.).
2. On the return journey from the previous away game.
3. By telephoning Paul Deason on Bedford (0234) 750996.

Fares

Fares for the trip to ARSENAL will be £4.50 and £3.50 with coaches departing from Cranfield at 4.00 p.m. and from Luton at 5.00 p.m.

Fares for the following away trip to CHELSEA will again be £4.50 and £3.50 and the coaches depart from Cranfield at 11.00 a.m. and from Luton at 12.00 noon.

ARSENAL v Luton Town
Wednesday, August 28th, 1991
Highbury Stadium, London N5 1BU.

CHELSEA v Luton Town
Saturday, August 31st, 1991
Stamford Bridge
London SW6 1HS

FINAL LEAGUE TABLE

Season 1990-91

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts
Chelsea	38	24	7	7	93	43	79
Tottenham Hotspur	38	24	6	8	79	37	78
Crystal Palace	38	21	10	7	90	44	73
Wimbledon	38	22	7	9	64	36	73
Southampton	38	20	8	10	68	50	68
Portsmouth	38	19	8	11	67	46	65
Arsenal	38	19	8	11	65	54	65
Norwich City	38	15	12	11	61	52	57
Luton Town	38	15	9	14	66	52	54
Q.P.R.	38	14	8	16	60	62	50
Charlton Athletic	38	14	7	17	66	65	49
Oxford United	38	14	6	18	57	57	48
Millwall	38	11	11	16	63	69	44
West Ham United	38	12	8	18	57	90	44
Swindon Town	38	12	7	19	60	77	43
Ipswich Town	38	11	7	20	40	66	40
Brighton & Hove Albion	38	11	6	21	48	69	39
Fulham	38	11	6	21	42	75	39
Watford	38	9	9	20	46	84	36
Reading	38	4	6	28	24	88	18

Division 2

Season 1990-91

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts
Wimbledon	30	21	8	1	76	23	50
Bristol Rovers	30	18	5	7	66	41	41
Crystal Palace	30	18	3	9	79	54	39
Oxford United	30	16	7	7	63	44	39
Aldershot	30	16	4	10	60	51	36
Southampton	30	13	7	10	64	46	33
Colchester United	30	13	5	12	43	44	31
A.F.C. Bournemouth	30	12	5	13	59	68	29
Reading	30	10	9	11	52	62	29
Brighton & Hove	30	7	11	12	43	52	25
Tottenham Hotspur	30	7	10	13	49	57	24
Brentford	30	7	9	14	44	62	23
Bristol City	30	7	8	15	63	79	22
Luton Town	30	8	4	18	53	68	20
Swindon	30	6	8	16	40	68	20
Maidstone United	30	7	5	18	42	77	19

This is the final table for 1990-1991 season. Thank you for sending in your results so promptly on a Saturday. D.B.

How to get there:

Arsenal

By road: Take the A1 south to Holloway Road. Turn left into Drayton Park. Follow the road round to Highbury Hill for ground. Street parking is available.
Nearest Rail: Finsbury Park and Drayton Park (British Rail), Arsenal Station (Piccadilly Line).

Chelsea

By Road: Follow central London signs from A1/M1 to Hyde Park Corner. Follow Guildford (A3) signs to Knightsbridge (A4). After one mile turn left into Fulham Road for ground. Street Parking available.
Nearest Railway: Fulham Broadway (District Line).

Match Digest

Fixture: Berkhamstead Town

Venue: Berkhamstead Date 27.7.91

Competition: Pre-Season Friendly (reserves)

Result: 3-3 Half-time 1-0

Team: Hancock, Shanley, Gillard, Telfer, Allpress, Salton, Rees, Nogan, Williams, Preece, Tighe. Subs: Campbell, Fitzpatrick.

Coach's comment: On a very hot day for our first pre-season friendly, the grass was too long and the ball was soft. A lack of concentration cost us dearly in defence and we did well to finish level after being 3-1 well after half-time.

Fixture: Northampton Town

Venue: Electrolux Training Ground, Luton Date: 14.8.91

Competition: Pre-Season Friendly (Youth)

Result: 3-0 Half-time 2-0

Team: Hancock, Holtham, Green, Rogers, Brittain, Elliott, Ryan, Skelton, Smith, Hartson, O'Toole. Subs: Sutton, Goodfellow.

Coach's Comment: A much improved team display from earlier friendlies. We defended much better as a team and looked stronger and fitter. Hartson and Ryan both showed signs of potential. A good last game to finish on.

South East Counties Fixtures 1991/92 Season

Sat 17 Aug	Bristol City
Sat 24 Aug	Maidstone United
Sat 31 Aug	Swindon Town
Sat 7 Sept	Bournemouth
Tue 10 Sept	Norwich City
Sat 14 Sept	Aldershot
Sat 21 Sept	Byes: Brighton & Luton Brighton & Hove Albion SECLC 1
Sat 28 Sept	Oxford United
Sat 5 Oct	Brentford
Sat 12 Oct	Crystal Palace
Sat 19 Oct	Tottenham Hotspur
Sat 26 Oct	S/Hampton or Bristol City SECLC 2
Sat 2 Nov	Reading
Sat 9 Nov	FAYC 1
Sat 16 Nov	Bristol Rovers
Sat 23 Nov	Southampton
Sat 30 Nov	SECLC 3
Sat 7 Dec	Wimbledon
Sat 14 Dec	Brighton & Hove Albion
Sat 21 Dec	Bristol City
Sat 28 Dec	No Fixtures
Sat 4 Jan	Maidstone United
Sat 11 Jan	Swindon Town
Sat 18 Jan	Bournemouth
Sat 25 Jan	Aldershot
Sat 1 Feb	Oxford United
Sat 8 Feb	Brentford
Sat 15 Feb	Crystal Palace
Sat 22 Feb	Tottenham Hotspur
Sat 29 Feb	Reading
Sat 7 Mar	Free
Sat 14 Mar	Bristol Rovers
Sat 21 Mar	Southampton
Sat 28 Mar	Wimbledon
Sat 4 Apr	Free

Luton Town Ovenden Papers Football Combination Fixtures Season 1991/92

Tues 20 Aug	Charlton Athletic
Wed 28 Aug	Ipswich Town
Mon 2 Sept	Arsenal
Mon 9 Sept	Charlton Athletic
Fri 20 Sept	Norwich City
Mon 23 Sept	Millwall
Tues 1 Oct	West Ham United
Mon 7 Oct	Oxford United
Sat 12 Oct	Tottenham Hotspur
Mon 14 Oct	Norwich City
Sat 19 Oct	Arsenal
Mon 21 Oct	Millwall
Mon 28 Oct	Chelsea
Sat 2 Nov	Portsmouth
Mon 11 Nov	West Ham United
Mon 18 Nov	Tottenham Hotspur
Mon 25 Nov	Wimbledon
Mon 2 Dec	Brighton & Hove Albion
Tue 10 Dec	Reading
Mon 16 Dec	Fulham
Mon 6 Jan	Ipswich Town
Tue 14 Jan	Wimbledon
Mon 20 Jan	Crystal Palace
Mon 27 Jan	Queens Park Rangers
Mon 3 Feb	Watford
Wed 12 Feb	Oxford United
Wed 19 Feb	Swindon Town
Tue 25 Feb	Queens Park Rangers
Mon 2 Mar	Crystal Palace
Tue 10 Mar	Watford
Mon 16 Mar	Southampton
Mon 23 Mar	Reading
Tue 31 Mar	Chelsea
Mon 6 Apr	Swindon Town
Sat 11 Apr	Southampton
Mon 13 Apr	Portsmouth
Wed 15 Apr	Fulham
Wed 22 Apr	Brighton & Hove Albion

Please note all home fixtures up to and including January 31st 1992 will be played at Dunstable Football Club, Creasey Park Ground, Brewers Hill Road, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, thereafter at Kenilworth Stadium.

APPEARANCES - GOALSCORERS

9th May 1991

	Football Combination	Goals	Beds Premier Cup	Goals
ALLPRESS	26(1)	-	1(1)	-
ARMSTRONG	1	-	-	-
BEAUMONT	4	-	-	-
BROWN	15(5)	9	1	1
CAMPBELL	3(3)	-	1	-
COOKE	20(2)	2	-	-
COOPER	3(1)	-	-(1)	-
CRAWSHAW	14(5)	1	-(1)	-
DREYER	1	-	-	-
FARRELL	8(2)	7	1	1
GILLARD	29(2)	1	2	-
GORMLEY	2(2)	-	-	-
GRAY	20(8)	7	1	-
HARVEY	2	-	-	-
HOLSGROVE	8(1)	-	-	-
HOLTHAM	-(1)	-	-	-
JACKSON	16(7)	-	1	-
JAMES	10	-	1	1
JOHNSON	8	-	-	-
LAWFORD	1(2)	1	-	-
MCDONOUGH	4	-	-	-
MCGONAGLE	18(4)	6	2	-
NOGAN	17	12	1	1
PEMBRIDGE	17	4	1(1)	-
PETTERSON	35	-	1	-
REES	9(1)	1	-	-
RICHARDS	15(12)	1	2	-
RODGER	9	2	-	-
RUTHERFORD	-(1)	-	-	-
SALTON	24(1)	1	-	-
SHANLEY	13(3)	1	2	-
TELFER	20(2)	4	1	-
THOMPSON	-(2)	-	-	-
TIGHE	15	1	-	-
WATKISS	3	-	1	-
WILLIAMS S	12(1)	-	-	-
WILLIAMS M	2(1)	-	-	-
TOTAL	38	66 (2 og)	2	4

Facts and fixtures

"SOME ADDITIONS TO THE LAWS OF THE GAME THIS SEASON"

UNDERGARMENTS - The International F.A. Board took the decision that visible undergarments, such as cycling shorts must be the same colour as the shorts of the player's team, and must not extend further than the top of the knee.

GOALKEEPERS - Are advised to avoid parrying the ball and encouraged to catch the ball cleanly and then release it quickly to avoid timewasting.

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Town F.C.**

Luton Town		F-A	Att	Pos
Aug 17	West Ham United (A)	0-0	25,079	-
Aug 21	Coventry City	0-5	10,084	-
Aug 24	Liverpool			
Aug 27	Arsenal			
Aug 31	Chelsea			
Sept 4	Southampton			
Sept 7	Wimbledon			
Sept 14	Oldham Athletic			
Sept 18	Queens Park Rangers			
Sept 21	Manchester United			
Sept 25	RLC 2 1			
Sept 28	Notts County			
Oct 5	Aston Villa			
Oct 9	RLC 2 2			
Oct 19	Sheffield Wednesday			
Oct 26	Norwich City			
Oct 30	RLC 3			
Nov 2	Everton			
Nov 16	Tottenham Hotspur			
Nov 23	Manchester City			
Nov 30	Sheffield United			
Dec 4	RLC 4			
Dec 7	Leeds United			
Dec 15	Crystal Palace			
Dec 20	Coventry City			
Dec 26	Arsenal			
Dec 28	Chelsea			
Jan 1	Nottingham Forest			
Jan 4	FAC 3			
Jan 8	RLC 5			
Jan 11	Liverpool			
Jan 18	West Ham United			
Jan 25	FAC 4			
Feb 1	Sheffield Wednesday			
Feb 8	Norwich City			
Feb 12	RLC SF 1L			
Feb 15	Manchester City			
Feb 22	Sheffield United			
Feb 29	Leeds United			
Mar 4	RLC SF 2L			
Mar 7	Crystal Palace			
Mar 11	Tottenham Hotspur			
Mar 14	Everton			
Mar 21	Southampton			
Mar 28	Nottingham Forest			
Apr 4	Wimbledon			
Apr 11	Oldham Athletic			
Apr 12	RLC FINAL			
Apr 18	Manchester United			
Apr 20	Queens Park Rangers			
Apr 25	Aston Villa			
May 2	Notts County			
May 9	FA CUP FINAL			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
Chamberlain	Beaumont	Harvey	McDonough	Rodger	Dreyer	(Farrell)	Preece	Stein	Pembridge	Black	[Gray]	James
Chamberlain	Beaumont	Harvey	McDonough	Rodger	Dreyer	Farrell	Preece	(Stein)	Pembridge	Black	[Gray]	James

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Final Positions 1990-91

Home										Away									
P	W	D	L	F	A					P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts		
38	15	4	0	51	10	—	1.	Arsenal	.....	9	9	1	23	8	+56	83			
38	14	3	2	42	13	—	2.	Liverpool	.....	9	4	6	35	27	+37	76			
38	11	6	2	26	17	—	3.	Crystal Palace	.....	9	3	7	24	24	+9	69			
38	12	2	5	46	23	—	4.	Leeds United	.....	7	5	7	19	24	+18	64			
38	12	3	4	35	25	—	5.	Manchester City	.....	5	8	6	29	28	+11	62			
38	11	4	4	34	17	—	6.	Manchester United	.....	5	8	6	24	28	+13	59			
38	8	6	5	28	22	—	7.	Wimbledon	.....	6	8	5	25	24	+7	56			
38	11	4	4	42	21	—	8.	Nottm. Forest	.....	3	8	8	23	29	+15	54			
38	9	5	5	26	15	—	9.	Everton	.....	4	7	8	24	31	+4	51			
38	8	9	2	35	22	—	10.	Tottenham Hotspur	.....	3	7	9	16	28	+1	49			
38	10	6	3	33	25	—	11.	Chelsea	.....	3	4	12	25	44	-11	49			
38	8	5	6	27	22	—	12.	Q.P.R.	.....	4	5	10	17	31	-9	46			
38	9	3	7	23	23	—	13.	Sheffield United	.....	4	4	11	13	32	-19	46			
38	9	6	4	33	22	—	14.	Southampton	.....	3	3	13	25	47	-11	45			
38	9	3	7	27	32	—	15.	Norwich City	.....	4	3	12	14	32	-23	45			
38	10	6	3	30	16	—	16.	Coventry City	.....	1	5	13	12	33	-7	44			
38	7	9	3	29	25	—	17.	Aston Villa	.....	2	5	12	17	33	-12	41			
38	7	5	7	22	18	—	18.	Luton Town	.....	3	2	14	20	43	-19	37			
38	6	6	7	15	16	—	19.	Sunderland	.....	2	4	13	23	44	-22	34			
38	3	8	8	25	36	—	20.	Derby County	.....	2	1	16	12	39	-38	24			

Arsenal 2pts. deducted; Manchester United 1 pt. deducted.

LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB SUMMARY OF APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS SEASON 90/91

	APPEARANCES				GOALS			
	BL	FA	RLC	ZDSC	BL	FA	RLC	ZDSC
ALLPRESS T	1(1)	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
BEAUMONT D	28(6)	1	2	2(1)	-	-	-	-
BLACK K	36	2	2	1	7	1	1	1
CHAMBERLAIN A	37	2	2	3	-	-	-	-
DREYER J	37	2	2	3	3	-	-	-
ELSTRUP	36	2	1	3	15	2	-	1
FARRELL S	11(12)	2	-	1(2)	1	1	-	2
HARVEY R	26(7)	2	2	2	-	-	1	-
HOLSGROVE P	-(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HUGHES C	17	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
JACKSON M	-	-	-	-(1)	-	-	-	-
JAMES J	10(10)	2	1(1)	2(1)	1	-	-	-
JOHNSON M	23(2)	-	-(1)	2	-	-	-	-
MCDONOUGH D	20(7)	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
NOGAN K	1(11)	-(1)	1(1)	-(1)	-	-	-	-
PEMBRIDGE M	17	2	-	3	1	-	-	-
PREECE D	36	2	2	2	1	-	-	-
REES J	11(11)	-(1)	1(1)	3	-	-	-	2
RODGER G	13	-	-	2	2	-	-	-
TIGHE A	-	-	-	1(1)	-	-	-	-
TELFER P	-(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

All The Pre-Season Results at-a-glance

First Team

29th July 1991
St Johnstone (A) 1-0 (North).
31st July 1991
Hamilton Academical (A) 1-2 (Holsgrove)
2nd August 1991
Alloa (A) 2-1 (Stein, Dreyer (pen)).
6th August 1991
Lincoln City (A) 2-2 (Stein, Farrell).
9th August 1991
Cambridge United (A) 0-4.
12th August 1991
Peterborough United (A) 1-1 (Pembridge).

Reserves:

27th July 1991
Berkhamstead (A) 3-3 (Nogan 2, Rees).
30th July 1991
Basingstoke (A) 0-3.
6th August 1991
Hitchin (A) 5-2 (Nogan 3, Tighe, Williams M).
10th August 1991
Stevenage Borough (A) 2-4 (North 2).
13th August 1991
Dunstable Town (A) 7-0 (North 2 (1 pen), Jackson, Williams 3).

Youth Team:

24th July 1991
QPR (A) 1-2 (Newman).
26th July 1991
Chelsea (A) 0-2.
3rd August 1991
Arsenal (A) 2-10 (Newman, Hartson).
11th August 1991
Herts County Youth (A)
3-0 (Smith, Goodfellow, Rogers).
14th August 1991
Northampton (H) 3-0
(Ryan, Goodfellow, Holtham (pen)).

We've been making shorts since they weren't.

Umbro have made football kit since 1924. In that long time our shorts have been long, short and now long again for Luton Town.



Business scene



Value for money

By Wendy Grzybowska

As a commercial department we are committed to striving for excellence on the back of the facilities and services that we provide. We want to encourage the local and national companies to put aside part of their budgets for use at Luton, but with the knowledge that they will also achieve the results they are looking for.

Gone are the days when footballing hospitality and advertising were looked upon as a kind of donation. Clubs have to prove they can satisfy the needs and ambitions of companies who have the choice of many alternatives in the highly competitive

business of sporting hospitality. Luton, I believe, has been, because of this necessity, always ahead of their time in this area and provide excellent facilities and services. This has achieved a high volume of repeat business over the seasons. A proof in itself, I always think, that it does work.

Again this season we have proved that we are willing to invest in order to gain in the long term. A purpose built sponsors lounge has been erected during the close season which now will provide the best possible atmosphere and facilities for companies to entertain their clients in. The

lounge overlooks the pitch area from behind the main stand and has excellent seats within the main stand for enjoying the game.

The other area of investment is the relocation of the sports shop. Again a necessity, but we have not gone for the easiest option. We are going to have a bigger and better shop in prime location with easy access for our fans. The new shop has not been completed yet so the shop will be temporarily situated at the Kenilworth Road old souvenir shop. However, I'm sure you will be as excited as we are at the prospect of this new facility.

I cannot close without returning to the new style and layout of this season's programme. Much thought and time has gone into producing what we feel is a bigger and better programme, giving you the fans more interesting and up-dated information on your club.

Today's businesses entertaining clients are Laings Chiltern, Convoy Installations and R.W. Harvey and Son. We hope you all have an enjoyable day.

Laing Chiltern is a Luton-based subsidiary of the world wide household name Building Contractors, John Laing Construction Ltd. They have developed very close links with Luton Town Football Club during the last nine years whilst improving the facilities at the ground including the roof over the Kenilworth Road end, the private boxes, supporters facilities, the new family stand and additional seating to Kenilworth Road.



From the business of football to the training field: David Pleat is pictured putting the players through their pre-season paces.

Team check

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Vauxhall Team Check

LUTON TOWN

Team Manager:
David Pleat

White Shirts, Blue Shorts.

Alec Chamberlain
David Beaumont
Richard Harvey
Darron McDonough
Graham Rodger
John Dreyer
Sean Farrell
David Preece
Brian Stein
Mark Pembridge
Kingsley Black

LIVERPOOL

Team Manager:
Graeme Souness

Red Shirts, Red Shorts.

Bruce Grobbelaar
Gary Ablett
David Burrows
Steve Nicol
Ronnie Whelan
Mark Wright
Dean Saunders
Ray Houghton
Steve McManaman
John Barnes
Steve McMahon

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The Men in Charge

Referee – John Moules (Erith, Kent)

Linesmen: R.W. Pellatt (Red trim)

A. Schneider (Yellow trim).

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