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**Champions! Vice-chairman David Dein receives the Barclays League trophy on behalf of the club, while 'Manager of the Year' George Graham collects his second well-deserved award. Alistair Robinson, executive director of Barclays (centre) made the presentations before our game against QPR.**

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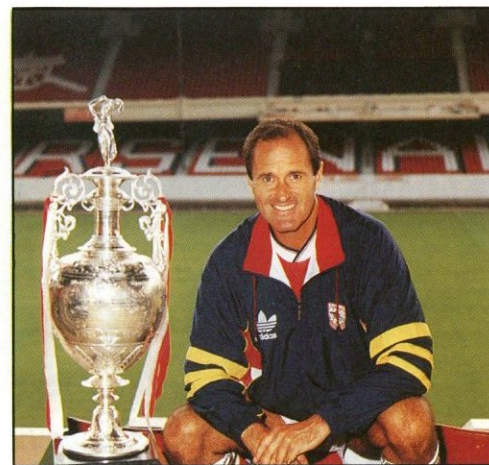
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# GEORGE GRAHAM



I was very disappointed with the result at Aston Villa on Saturday. But I took heart from our performance. That was probably the best 90 minutes we've played all season. a big improvement on our form at Everton. We looked nothing like our usual selves at Goodison. We just 'went' after Everton's second goal. I said then, we needed to find our hunger again.

Our attitude was much better on Saturday. The spirit was good - but we didn't get the breaks.

The penalty just before half time gave them a lift just when they needed it, and put us under pressure. I thought the incident between Nigel Winterburn and Tony Daley happened outside the box. We thoroughly deserved Alan Smith's equaliser. We did the majority of the attacking and I was impressed with the link-up between Anders Limpar and Nigel Winterburn on the left. We're still making too many individual errors though, and we were punished for them. David Seaman was disappointed to be beaten by a long shot for their third, and overall, our defence is lacking its usual meanness.

They're priorities tonight: to eradicate the errors and regain our mean look. I'm optimistic we can build on Saturday's display.

Our first home game, against QPR, was very frustrating. Paul Merson's equaliser was the least we deserved. We did enough in the second half to have earned three points. We'll see a lot of visitors come here with a similar approach. They'll defend in depth then try and nick a goal on the break - though our defensive organisation was poor when Dennis Bailey scored.

Luton showed they could present a formidable barrier when they drew 0-0 at West Ham. The earlier we score, the better. But if we don't make an early breakthrough, we have to keep probing until we do find a gap.

That patience could be more important than ever this season, especially with the European games coming up. Thanks to the fans who travelled to Everton and Villa. We appreciate your support.





# IN CONVERSATION:

## How do you cope with a marathon season? Lee Dixon gives a player's view.

*Interview by Kevin Connolly*



**KC:** *If Arsenal go all the way in the cups, you'll be playing 70 matches – without England games and maybe the European championship finals next summer. Does the prospect frighten you?*

**LD:** It's hardly ideal. But the players don't have any say, so we've got to learn to live with it. I played 50 matches last season, without internationals. You could call that useful preparation. It's going to be even harder this season. I don't think any foreign sides will play as many games as us!

**KC:** *Were you surprised that the first division was increased to 22 clubs again?*

**LD:** That seemed a strange decision. If it was right a few years ago, to reduce Division One to 20 clubs, why has the reasoning changed, so that we go back to 22?

**KC:** *With so many games to play, is there a danger players could turn out carrying injuries and risk damaging themselves for later life?*

**LD:** I don't think that would happen here, especially with a top physio like Gary Lewin around. I didn't miss a game last season, and I never played with an injury. But I take the point. The more games you play, the greater risk, because the body needs time to rest and recover.

**KC:** *You're likely to play midweek games most weeks, for Arsenal or England. How will you cope with that strain?*

**LD:** A pattern of Saturday-Wednesday-Saturday games is OK, because you can rest on Sunday and Thursday. During the season, training tends to be shorter and more concentrated too, because you've laid the basis of your fitness in the pre-season work. The

# LEE DIXON



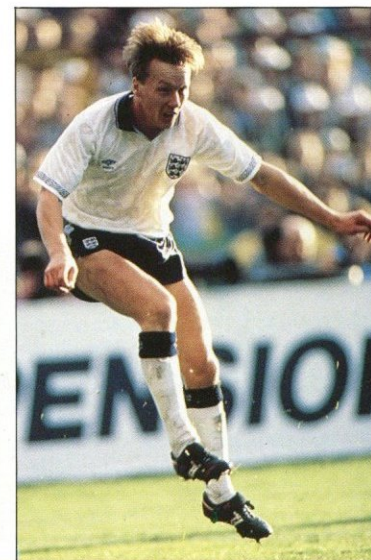
problems come if you have to play more than two games a week. That's caused the downfall of successful English teams in the past. People who were here in 1980 have told me how much that fixture pile-up took out of them. Obviously, the less time between games, the less time the body has to recover from knocks.

**KC:** *It's often said that players prefer to play than train. How do you square that with the demands of a 70/80 match season?*

**LD:** The games take care of your fitness. But you have to make the mental adjustment in the first place. It's always easier to play a lot of games if you're winning rather than losing. You have to steel yourself at the start of a season. Tell yourself that all those matches are what success is all about.

**KC:** *'Resilience' is always rated one of Arsenal's greatest qualities. It could be more important than ever this season.*

**LD:** Yes. Winning builds belief. To lose just once last season gave our confidence a huge boost. The points deduction bound us all even closer together. We wanted to show everyone who wrote us off. That sort of spirit doesn't come overnight. We've built it up over several years. We were already keyed up to get the championship back. Lots of times, when we weren't at our best, we dug in and got a result. We're always hard to beat. That's why the scoreline at Everton was out of character. Manchester United caught us like that in the Rumbelows Cup last season. But we bounced straight back to beat Liverpool 3-0 and went on to win the title.



**KC:** *The European Cup is the trophy everyone wants. Is that playing on the players' minds, and affecting them in the league?*

**LD:** It's very early days yet. Lose one game, and suddenly there's a 'crisis'. I'll make you groan when I say we'll take every game as it comes. I know that's an old cliché, but it's the only way to approach such a long season. Last season, we made a great start – and every time we suffered a setback we bounced back with a good run. We can't just turn our form on and off for the European Cup. We need to put together another run in the league, because that will set us up for the European Cup too.







## 5 YEARS AGO

The Gunners went a goal down in 10 minutes at Coventry, Cyrille Regis finding the target. Though Viv Andersson levelled the scores soon after the interval, Nick Pickering grabbed Coventry's winner five minutes from time.

Goals from Robert Wilson and Brian Stein earned Luton a 2-1 home victory over Southampton.

*Viv Andersson... scored our goal at Coventry.*



## 25 YEARS AGO

Two goals from John Radford gave us a 2-1 home win over West Ham, to maintain our 100 per cent record. Johnny Byrne scored for the Hammers.

Luton drew 2-2 at Aldershot in the first round of the League Cup. Their goals came from ex-Gunner Ray Whittaker and Fred Jardine. The Hatters later lost 1-2 at home in the replay.



*John Radford... netted twice to see off West Ham.*

## 15 YEARS AGO

We achieved our first victory of the season at Norwich where Sammy Nelson, Malcolm Macdonald and Frank Stapleton scored in a fine 3-1 win. Martin Peters scored for Norwich.

Luton went down 1-3 at Hull in a Second Division game. Ricky Hill claimed their goal.

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## ARSENAL EX-PRO AND CELEBRITY TEAM... THE LATEST NEWS

We put up a gallant performance against Lamont F.C. on August 11. Our opponents fielded a team of prime whippets who had won the Ilford and District League Cup and runners-up spot in the Premier Division.

Considering these 'tearaways' were less than half the age of the back bone of our team, Peter Storey, John Radford, David Court and Tony Kay, and half the size of some of the others, such as Gary Mason a 5-1 score line was more than respectable. At least our goal - scored direct from a free-kick by Ian Allinson - was the best of the game.

Still, the real winners were the large crowd who enjoyed an entertaining day out and Great Ormond Street Hospital who will receive the proceeds.

For a while it looked as though our next game against Godalming Town was going to follow the same pattern.

Godalming's young strikers caused the Gunners all sorts of problems early on and put the home team 2-0 in the lead. However, we staged a valiant recovery when Rob 'Yorkie' Hudson scored two goals to level the score.

In fact we could have won the game had jockey Frankie Dettori not been thinking about his 15-2 win in the 3.10 at Newbury and missed a second half penalty.

'I wouldn't have minded had I backed the winner' moaned desolate team manager Bill Graves: 'Next week he's in goal!'

However, on the positive side Bill was pleased to have 'London's Burning' Glen Murphy back in the team after a long absence through injury, while Mark Burdis from Grange Hill made a promising debut.

Man-of-the-Match was the most 'senior' player on the field, former England footballer Tony Kay who, according to legend, made his Football League debut before the turn of the century.

### NEXT FIXTURE

Sunday September 1 v Tooting Rangers, Roehampton Playing Fields, Dover House Road, off Upper Richmond Road, Putney. K.O. 3pm.

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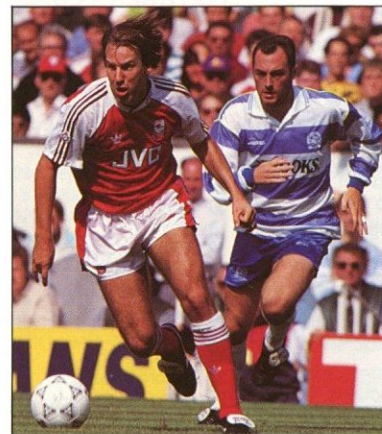


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## PAUL SETS HIS SIGHTS HIGH



Paul Merson has set himself a hard task: to improve on his form last season. Looking back, that was a key year in his career.

The 23 year-old forward was named PFA 'Young Player of the Year' when we won the title two years ago. But injuries and off-field problems reduced his effectiveness the following season, when we slipped to fourth. If Paul's Highbury future was in doubt, he put those doubts behind him in our last title campaign.

He netted 13 league goals and proved his versatility by playing everywhere in the forward line. His performance on the right wing turned the game against Sheffield United last

December, and he scored a brilliant goal cutting in from the left to set us on the way to F.A. Cup success at Leeds. Merson can slot into an attacking role behind the front two as well.

'1990/1 was the most important season of my career,' says our last minute saviour against QPR: 'I had to do well. Otherwise it would have been two out-of-form seasons on the trot, and I could have been offloaded. I sorted out my worries off the pitch, and starting a family obviously helped. Also, I'm a lot stronger in my attitude than I was two years ago. I can handle the pressure a lot better.'

He'll need that mental strength, because he's bound to attract a lot more tight marking after his form in our title success. 'It will be hard to improve on last season,' he admits: 'Getting to the top is tough. Staying there is even harder. That's our problem as a team. It's my problem too, because a lot is expected of me.'

Merson has already won the 'Man-of-the-Match' award in the Charity Shield, and looked lively in our opening matches, when he's switched between the right flank and a central striking role.

'Until last season, I'd spent most of my career as an out-and-out forward. It's different out wide. You may not get a pass for half-an-hour. Then suddenly everything's going through you. That's how it was in the second half against Spurs,' says Paul. 'When the ball comes, it usually comes to your feet too. So it's nice to be able to run at defenders, rather than playing with my back to goal.'

'I'm basically a right-footed player, so when I'm on the left, I usually look to cut inside,' adds Merson, who's scored some spectacular goals from the flanks. But I've built up a good understanding with Alan Smith over the past three years, and I can slot back into that partnership pretty fast too. I'm not fussy where I play though. I just want to have another good season, and make sure I don't slip back.'

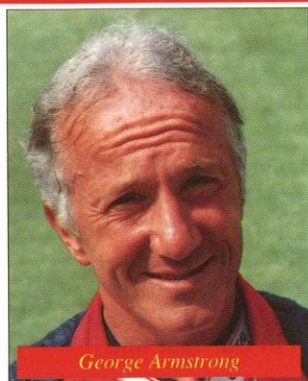
*By Kevin Connolly*





# RESERVES

# & YOUTHS



George Armstrong

## YOUNG RESERVES HAMMER POMPEY

Paul Dickov and Neil Heaney tore Portsmouth to pieces when our reserves started their Ovenden Combination programme with a 4-1 win on August 17.

Said delighted George Armstrong: 'We played lots of neat football and finished at a gallop. They fielded six players with first team experience - but we overwhelmed them.'

'Paul had an excellent match firing lots of shots on target and always trying to bring other players into the game.'

'Neil played like an old-fashioned winger, taking the ball up to the full back, then

going past him. He also netted two very valuable goals.'

'We finished very strong, with Michael Thomas and Ray Parlour especially powerful,' added Geordie.

Heaney put us ahead with a drifting cross shot, when Dickov's run unsighted the Pompey 'keeper.

Then Neil grabbed a solo effort early in the second period, cutting in from the left to curl home an accurate low shot.

Siggi Jonsson split the Portsmouth defence for Andy Cole to burst through, but his shot was blocked.

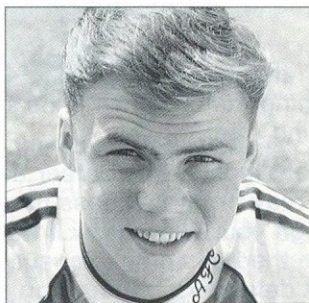
Cole, last season's reserve topscorer, didn't have long to wait for a goal though, because he soon fastened on to Steve Clements's pass and drilled home our third.

Dickov set up the fourth, catching the goalkeeper out of position and rolling the ball across for Parlour to strike.

Arsenal: Will, Clements, Pates, Parlour, Linighan, Marshall (McKeown, 81 minutes), Thomas, Jonsson, Cole, Dickov, Heaney (Flatts, 81 minutes).



Neil Heaney... two goals at Pompey



Paul Dickov... in lively form

Reports on our reserve games against Fulham and Millwall, and our youth game against Portsmouth, will appear in Saturday's programme.

## OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION FIXTURES 1991/92

Aug 17	Portsmouth	4-1
Aug 21	Fulham	0-2
Aug 24	Millwall	3-0
Sep 2	Luton Town	A
Sep 11	Ipswich Town	A
Sep 14	Crystal Palace	H
Sep 21	Southampton	A
Sep 28	Ipswich Town	H
Sep 30	Watford	A
Oct 8	Reading	A
Oct 12	Charlton Athletic	H
Oct 19	Luton Town	H
Oct 26	Tottenham Hotspur	A
Nov 4	Crystal Palace	A
Nov 9	Fulham	H
Nov 16	Brighton & H.A.	H
Nov 23	Oxford United	H
Nov 29	Norwich City	A
Dec 3	West Ham United	A
Dec 7	Queens Park Rangers	H
Dec 10	Chelsea	A
Dec 18	Brighton & H.A.	A
Dec 28	Portsmouth	H
Jan 13	Millwall	A
Jan 18	Reading	H
Jan 25	West Ham United	A
Feb 5	Oxford United	H
Feb 8	Swindon Town	H
Feb 15	Wimbledon	A
Feb 22	Tottenham Hotspur	A
Mar 7	Watford	H
Mar 11	Chelsea	A
Mar 17	Queens Park Rangers	H
Mar 28	Wimbledon	H
Apr 4	Norwich City	A
Apr 14	Charlton Athletic	H
Apr 18	Southampton	A
Apr 22	Swindon Town	A

## OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION FINAL TABLE 1990/91

	Pld.	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Chelsea	38	24	7	7	83	43	79
Tottenham	38	24	6	8	79	37	78
Crystal Palace	38	21	10	7	90	44	73
Wimbledon	38	22	7	9	84	36	73
Southampton	38	20	8	10	88	50	68
Portsmouth	38	19	8	11	67	48	65
Arsenal	38	19	8	11	65	54	65
Norwich City	38	15	12	11	61	52	57
Luton Town	38	15	9	14	55	52	54
Q.P.R.	38	14	8	16	50	62	50
Charlton Athletic	38	14	7	17	56	65	49
Oxford United	38	14	6	18	57	57	48
Millwall	38	11	11	16	53	89	44
West Ham Utd.	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 & H.A.	38	11	6	21	48	69	38
Fulham	38	11	6	21	42	75	38
Watford	38	9	9	20	48	84	36
Reading	38	4	5	29	24	88	17

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE 1991/92

Aug 17	West Ham United	2-2
Aug 24	Portsmouth	A
Aug 31	Q.P.R.	H
Sep 7	Southend United	A
Sep 14	Watford	H
Sep 21	Millwall	A
Sep 28	Leyton Orient	A
Oct 5	Tottenham Hotspur	A
Oct 12	Cambridge United	H
Oct 19	Chelsea	H
Oct 26	League Cup (2)	
Nov 2	Charlton Athletic	A
Nov 9	Fulham	A
Nov 16	Gillingham	A
Nov 23	Ipswich Town	H
Nov 30	League Cup (3)	
Dec 7	Norwich City	H
Dec 14	Millwall	H
Dec 21	West Ham United	H
Jan 4	Portsmouth	H
Jan 11	Q.P.R.	A
Jan 18	Southend United	H
Jan 25	Watford	A
Feb 1	Leyton Orient	H
Feb 8	Tottenham Hotspur	H
Feb 15	Cambridge United	A
Feb 22	Chelsea	A
Feb 29	Charlton Athletic	H
Mar 7	Fulham	H
Mar 14	Gillingham	H
Mar 21	Ipswich Town	A
Mar 28	Norwich City	A
Apr 4	Millwall	A

Reserves next home game  
v Crystal Palace  
September 14, kick-off 3 p.m.

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FINAL TABLE 1990/91

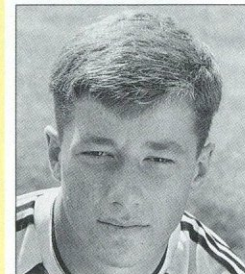
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Arsenal	30	24	4	2	84	30	52
Tottenham	30	20	7	3	82	36	47
West Ham Utd.	30	20	5	5	82	43	45
Gillingham	30	15	6	9	59	50	36
Leyton Orient	30	12	8	10	52	42	32
Millwall	30	13	6	11	50	49	32
Watford	30	12	6	12	53	35	30
Norwich	30	10	8	12	48	44	28
Chelsea	30	11	5	14	47	49	27
Charlton Athletic	30	9	9	12	52	62	27
Q.P.R.	30	10	6	14	39	53	26
Fulham	30	8	8	14	31	47	24
Southend Utd.	30	9	6	15	38	61	24
Portsmouth	30	6	7	17	36	66	19
Ipswich Town	30	7	4	19	40	78	18
Cambridge Utd.	30	4	5	21	41	99	13

## READ HEADER EARNS A POINT

Paul Read's 87th minute header earned the young Gunners an impressive 2-2 draw against West Ham in their opening South East Counties League game last Saturday.

Said youth coach Pat Rice: 'To draw at Chadwell Heath against a more experienced team was a very encouraging performance. I was pleased with the boys determination and the number of chances we created. We also tackled well and closed them down quickly.'

Arsenal - who included eight new trainees in their 13 - grabbed a third minute lead when Paul Shaw won the ball on the edge of the box and ex-Islington schoolboy star Soner Zumrutel fired home.



Paul Read... equalised against West Ham

The Hammers soon levelled, then went ahead just before half time after 29 minutes.

But the young Gunners kept pressing throughout the second half, and were rewarded when John Charlton collected a throw from Justin Lee and centred for Paul Read to head over the 'keeper.

Arsenal: Rust, Swain, Lee, Selley, Harford (O'Brien, 85 minutes), Charlton, Zumrutel (Brissett, 60 minutes), Kirby, Read, Shaw, Clarke.

## ALAN AND STEPHEN GO ON LOAN

Alan Miller and Stephen Morrow have left Highbury on loan.

Goalkeeper Miller has joined third division West Bromwich, who also include ex-Gunners winger Kwame Ampadu.

Northern Ireland international left back Morrow has joined second division Watford, after impressing against them in a friendly earlier this month.

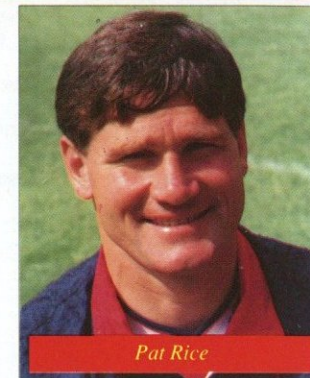
'It's another good opportunity for them to gain first team experience,' says George Armstrong: 'We have a lot of players around the reserves at the moment, what with the first team squad players who need match practice and the youngsters coming through. Competition for places will be very hot.'

Armstrong cited the example of Gary McKeown at Portsmouth. McKeown had done well pre-season. But he only got a game in central midfield as a substitute, because we needed to give Siggi Jonsson and Mickey Thomas a run-out.

Alan - who's recovered from a back injury - and Stephen are happy to go on loan.

The England u-21 'keeper shone at Plymouth during another loan spell two years ago, while Morrow did so well for Reading last season, the third division club wanted to buy him.

Miller and Morrow had mixed debuts on August 17. Alan helped Albion beat Exeter 6-3. Two of Exeter's goals came in the last seven minutes. But there was nothing full back Morrow could do as Wolves central strikers Andy Mutch and Steve Bull scored to send Watford to a 2-0 defeat.



Pat Rice



Alan Miller... on loan at West Bromwich





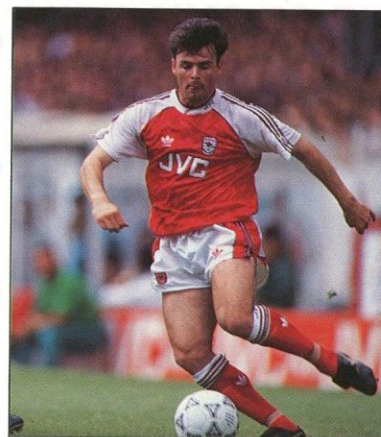
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## ANDERS PRAISES 'MARATHON' HEROES



No other league in the world imposes such physical demands on its players as the Football League. It's a tribute to British players that League clubs have won so many European trophies. That's Anders Limpar's view – and the skilful Swede should know, after playing in his home country, Switzerland and Italy as well as England.

Limpar himself had to adapt to those physical demands last season. He made a stunning start to his Highbury career. George Graham reckoned he was the most exciting player in the country up to Christmas. Then the crowded fixture list took its toll, before the 25 year-old winger returned with a flourish for our title finale, grabbing a hat trick in our 6-1 win over Coventry.

'Foreign players admire the British stamina and mentality,' says Anders: 'When you play for an English team you see 'close up' how much endurance the players must have. Those demands caught up with me for a while last season, though it should be easier to adjust this time, because I know what to expect. It will be harder in other ways though. We've seen already, other clubs are extra-keen to beat the champions. From a personal point of view, a lot is expected from me and defenders know more about me now.'

Anders was surprised the first division has increased to 22 clubs again this summer, which will only pile up the matches successful teams must play. Tony Woodcock used to say his German colleagues at Cologne didn't know whether to laugh or cry when he told them about the English fixture schedule – especially Christmas and New Year. Anders agrees.

'The biggest difference is the attitude to the cup competitions,' says Limpar.

In Italy, for instance, the early cup rounds are played as virtual pre-season matches, before the title race begins.

'In Europe, clubs want to win the championship and a European competition most of all,' says Anders: 'It's a question of priorities. In England, there are two major cups, both hotly contested, and a Wembley final is one of the most glamorous days of the season. That puts even more pressure on British players. When you think teams like Liverpool were playing 65 or more matches a season, it shows how well the English clubs did to dominate Europe before the Heysel ban.'

'Manchester United showed the way again in the Cup Winners Cup. And there's no team more resilient than Arsenal. If we have to play 65-70 matches, we have the players to cope without complaint.'

*By Kevin Connolly*





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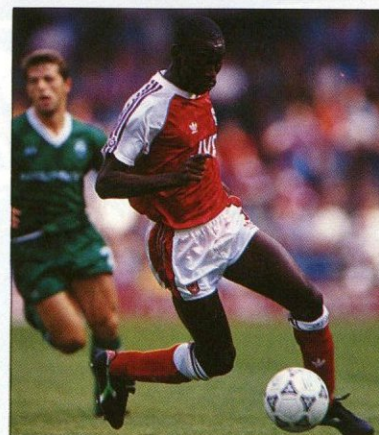
It could be a right result.



# GUNNING FOR GLORY



## ANDY AIMS TO BUILD ON PRE-SEASON CHANCES



Aggression round the box. That's what Andy Cole is seeking as he tries to build on his appearances in the Makita Tournament and the Charity Shield.

The slightly-built 'School of Excellence' graduate is doing regular weight exercises to build himself up and stop defenders knocking him off the ball. 'When we've finished, he'll look like Adonis!' laughs George Graham.

But the aggression Andy wants to increase isn't just physical.

'I ought to be scoring more', says the 19 year-old striker, who finished reserves top scorer last season with 14. 'George Armstrong is always telling me I need to be more positive with my finishing and my runs into the box. I know I need

to get in more goal attempts. Sometimes you have to go for hitting the target rather than looking for the perfect strike.'

Andy made one first team appearance last season, as an 85th minute sub against Sheffield United. So he was surprised to be called in for the Makita weekend.

'Even with Alan Smith and Kevin Campbell injured, I thought I was there for the experience. I hoped I'd get a run as sub,' he recalls. 'That's how it was against Panathinaikos. Then at the Sunday team meeting, I learned I'd be starting against Sampdoria. That was a surprise!'

Cole has gained plenty of knowledge against continental defenders, playing for England youth, and appearing in the u-19 European championships in Portugal this summer.

Facing the Italian champions was something else! 'I'd never met players like that before. It was great experience,' says Andy 'You know continental defenders will mark a lot tighter than defenders here. Samp are experts. So you have to keep drifting, stretching them, taking them wide or trying to hit the spaces behind them.'

The task didn't overawe Cole. He wriggled free for our two best chances after Paul Merson's goal - only to be foiled by GianLuca Pagliuca.

The following weekend, Andy came on for 15 minutes of the Charity Shield and hit a last minute shot that beat Erik Thorstvedt and set our fans roaring.

'I thought it was in. Instead it was the side netting,' says Cole, reflecting on his Wembley winner that was denied him.

Andy's displays against the English cup winners, and two European Cup hopefuls, prove how much he's developed in the past year.

This time last August, Cole was hoping for a spell on loan as a stepping stone. He'd still grab the chance if it came. But now he has a bigger goal in sight - to force himself into George Graham's first team options.

By Kevin Connolly





# GUNNERS

# ACTION

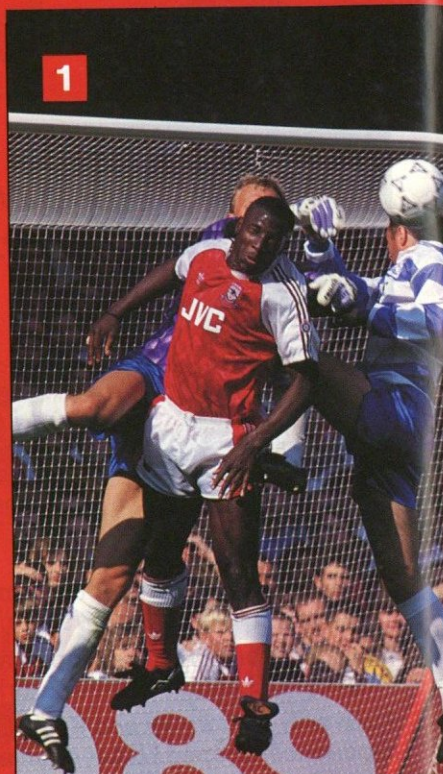


## GUNNERS ACTION

Barclays League  
August 17th

**ARSENAL** 1  
**QPR** 1

(Photos by Colorsport)

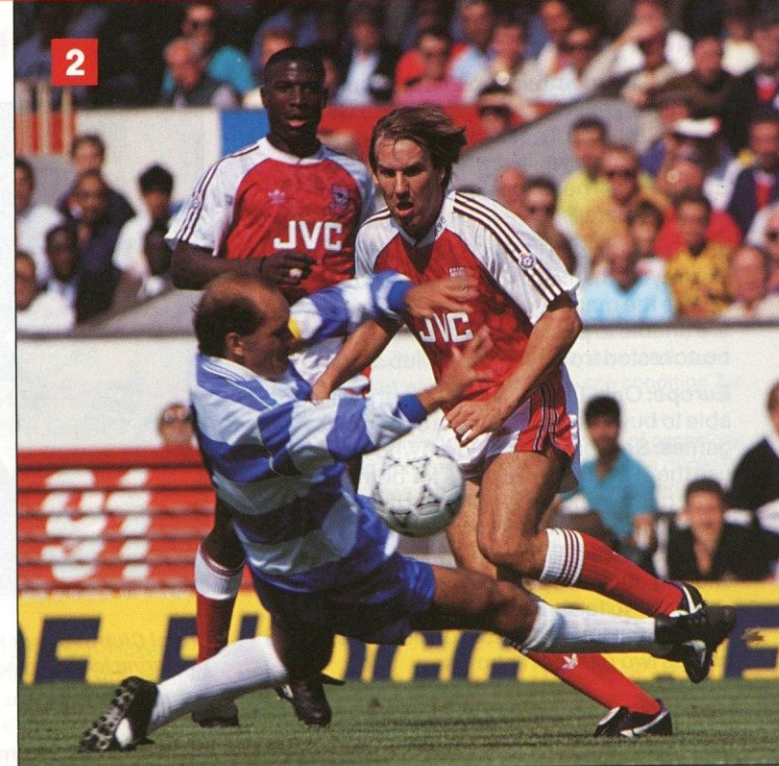


1. Jan Stejskal punches away a corner, under pressure from Kevin Campbell

3. Anguish for the Rangers defenders as Paul Merson's equaliser hits the back of the net with time running out



2. Paul Merson tries to hurdle Ray Wilkins' lunge



4. Sub Perry Groves wins a header against Rufus Brevett







## TRAVEL CLUB AROUND ENGLAND - AND EUROPE

Travel Club membership this season costs £5 (£3 for Junior Gunners and Cannon Club members). You'll need two passport photos as usual, and if you want to travel with us to Europe, we'll need to take some basic passport details.

The Travel Club will continue to accept Barclaycard/Access bookings up to 72 hours before the match in question. However, we are unable to post terrace tickets. These must be collected from the Travel Club office.

**Europe:** Only Travel Club members will be able to buy tickets for our European away games. Season ticket holders who want to use the Travel Club facilities for domestic away games should enrol in the usual way. Season ticket holders who wish to use the Travel Club for European away games **ONLY** can join our 'Europe only' membership scheme. No fee is necessary. But you will need to produce your season ticket book and give us two passport photos.



*Travel Club manager Paul Johnson... preparing for a busy season*

## LEEDS UNITED v ARSENAL

**Barclays League Division One Tuesday, September 3 Kick-off 7.30 pm**

This match is all ticket. Seat tickets cost £13, and terrace tickets £7.

The Travel Club has organised a rail/seat package which costs £38 and rail/terrace package which costs £32.

The Travel Club train leaves Kings Cross at 3.20 pm and arrives back at 1.20 am on Wednesday morning.

The Travel Club is running an executive trip to this match, which costs £72. It includes executive coach travel/dinner/match ticket. For more details, phone Paul or Sue on 071-359 0205.

## AUSTRIA WIEN v ARSENAL European Cup first round second leg Wednesday, October 2, kick-off 7.30 pm

Arsenal Football Club PLC, in conjunction with Travel Management (ATOL Q458) and Hallmark Coaches, have organised the following coach and air tours to Vienna.

1. A three day coach tour, leaving Arsenal Stadium on Tuesday, October 1 and arriving back on Thursday, October 3. The coach will be an executive diner with w/c and video. Return fare costs £99, including ferry crossings, match ticket and services of an Arsenal representative.
2. A one day air trip, costing £199, which includes return air fare, coach transfers in Vienna, match ticket and services of an Arsenal representative.
3. A two day executive air trip, starting at the airport on Tuesday, October 1. The price of £425 includes return air fare, overnight at a top hotel plus buffet breakfast, coach transfers in Vienna, match ticket and services of an Arsenal representative.

To book, write to the Travel Club, or phone on 071-359 0205. We accept Access and Barclaycard. Please remember: you must be a Travel Club member, or a member of our European Travel section to go on these trips.

No match tickets will be sold separately.

*These are the only official authorised Arsenal tours to Vienna.*



## COMING GAMES AT HIGHBURY

**Saturday, August 31**  
**Barclays League Division One**  
**v MANCHESTER CITY**  
**Kick-off 3 pm**

**Saturday, September 7**  
**Barclays League Division One**  
**v COVENTRY CITY**  
**Kick-off 3 pm**

## AWAY MATCH TICKETS WITHOUT TRAVEL

Tickets for our away games in England this season will be handled by the Box Office **unless you are going on a Travel Club package.**

**Leeds United v Arsenal**  
**Barclays League Division One**  
**Tuesday, September 3 Kick-off 7.30 pm**

This match is all ticket. Seat tickets cost £13 and terrace tickets £7.

Tickets are on sale today to Season Ticket Holders and Travel Club Members who wish to make their own way to Elland Road. These are on sale from the box office windows in Avenell Road.

General Sale: For news of a possible general sale phone our Ansaphone (071 359 0131) on Thursday for details.

Standing Tickets: We would like to point out that standing tickets are sent through the post at the buyer's risk only, and should they be lost, cannot be replaced.

For details about tickets for forthcoming away games, please check with our club Ansaphone service on 071 359 0131.

## BY ROAD TO LEEDS

Take the M1 to its Junction with the M621. Continue for 1½ miles then leave the Motorway and exit at roundabout for the A643 which takes you into Elland Road.

Large Car Parks are adjacent to the Ground.  
*(Information from the Supporters Guide to League Clubs 1991/2).*

## NEW BOX OFFICE NUMBER/TICKET INFORMATION

The Box Office has a new number for ticket enquiries - 071-354 5404. You can still buy tickets via Dial-A-Seat by phoning 071-226 4050, and information will still be available on our 071-359 0131 line.

Tickets for our home games against Manchester City, Coventry, Austria Wien and Sheffield United are now available from the Box Office.

## DUPLICATE SEASON TICKETS

This season, the price of a duplicate match day season ticket will be £50 (please see condition 7 in your book).

Unfortunately we found on a number of occasions last season that the facility of purchasing a duplicate match day season ticket was being abused.

Therefore, we ask you to ensure that your season ticket is in your possession when you come to Highbury.

Duplicate tickets will only be issued to the registered holder on production of a £50 deposit.

## PAUL DAVIS TESTIMONIAL DINNER

The Paul Davis testimonial continues with a dinner/dance at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, Bayswater on Sunday, September 15. The event runs from 6.30 pm to 1 am. It's a black tie do, and tickets cost £55.

Tickets are available from Televised Sport International on 0462 422441.





# GUNNERS GALLERY

## PAUL MERSON

(Photo by Coloursport)



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# ANNOUNCING ARSENAL'S VIDEO CLUB!

Another footballing first from Highbury – over the course of the new season, Arsenal will release five one-hour video tapes. The Video Club tracks the form and fortune of the Gunners – on and off the field, at home and away. Action-packed with matchday highlights, Club tapes also feature exclusive insights into the running of England's championship side. With competitions, your requests for golden goals and interviews with players, management and back room boys – the Video Club puts you in the Highbury hot seat.

Your membership is available by subscription at £40 for all five tapes plus a total of £7.50 p&p. Video Club members also receive a collector's case to store the tapes and a Club card which gives discounts on selected Arsenal videos.

To take up this outstanding offer please look for the special application forms or write to Videomail, Riverbank House, Putney Bridge Approach, SW6 3JD, or call the credit card hotline on weekdays 9 am – 6 pm 071 371 9191 – 24 hour answering machine 071 371 7132.

First video will be despatched mid-September 1991.

## ARSENAL'S VIDEO CLUB – YOUR CLUB!



# POSTBAG



### A TIMEKEEPER TO COUNT THE SECONDS?

Following the time-wasting in the QPR match, I wonder if the time has come (sorry about the pun!) for another official in the stands to be responsible for blowing the final whistle?

The referee is always under pressure on these occasions, and a timekeeper whose sole responsibility would be to use a stop watch could be a great help.

On the subject of time-wasting, the worst I've seen was by Southampton here three years ago. The referee added on nearly seven minutes, and Alan Smith scored an equaliser with seconds to go.

Maybe referees could also help the flow of the game by booking persistent time-wasters for ungentlemanly conduct. That might speed things up.

J. Mason  
Highbury

### GUNNERS CELEBRATIONS IN ISRAEL

I spotted this in an Israeli paper. It calls on all Arsenal fans to celebrate the club winning the 1990/1 championship, at the Israeli Arsenal Supporters Club. Obviously the Gunners are famous worldwide!

Now let's do well in Europe and provide a better final than the last one!

Yoel Goldblatt  
Golders Green

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### THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONNECTION

In one of last season's programmes, you listed Arsenal's 'foreign legion' of players – Gerrit Keizer, Albert Gudmundsson, Vladimir Petrovic, Anders Limpar and Siggi Jonsson.

While I can't remember exactly when, I recall seeing as a youngster a South African playing on the wing. His name was Le Roux and he played a few games in the late 1950s, continuing for about two seasons before returning to South Africa.

I'd like some confirmation, because having been an Arsenal supporter all my life, my memory surely hasn't failed me!

Ken Guilder  
Tamworth  
Staffs.

You're right. Daniel Le Roux played five league games for us in the 1957/8 season.

### ARSENAL IN LA ROCHELLE

Two close friends and I recently returned from a voyage of discovery around northern and western France.

In the town of La Rochelle, on France's west coast, I was delighted to come across the Cafeteria de l'Arsenal.

PS: The girl in the picture with me is Anna Taylor, also a Gunners fan.

Marcus Coombs  
Goudhurst  
Kent



### STOP THE KNOCKING

How much I agreed with the letter about the treatment of Perry Groves.

Ever since I can remember, the Highbury crowd has always picked on one player.

In the 'double' year it was Jon Sammels. Then it was Jeff Blockley. Soon to be followed by David Price, and Gus Caqsar in recent seasons. But it might encourage Mr. Groves to know that one of our most popular players, Paul Davis, was once the target for a section of the crowd in the early 80s.

I don't know why these people do it though. They only damage the player's confidence.

J.R. Lamont  
Holloway

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# EUROPEAN ROUND UP



## WADDLE HELPS MARSEILLE KEEP UP THE PRESSURE

Chris Waddle helped Olympique Marseille keep up the pressure at the top of the French League by setting up two goals in their 3-1 win at Graham Rix's old club Caen.

France's top forward Jean-Pierre Papin struck twice. The Ghanaian, Pele, was also on target for Olympique, who welcomed England star Trevor Steven to the Stade Velodrome last Monday.

Leaders Monaco's 100% record went tumbling at the Parc des Princes, where goals by Perez and Simba earned Paris St. Germain's first victory of the season, 2-0, in front of 41,000 fans. Monaco's sweeper Roger Mendy was sent off after half an hour.

So Metz took over at the top, thanks to a 1-0 win over St. Etienne. Huysmann scored the goal after 17 minutes. But Metz's hero was goalkeeper Flucklinger.

Nantes stayed in fourth place following a disappointing draw 0-0 at struggling Nimes.

## TOP-OF-THE-TABLE

	PLD	W	D	L	F A	PTS
Metz	6	5	0	1	13-4	10
Monaco	6	5	0	1	14-6	10
Marseille	6	4	2	0	9-3	10
Nantes	6	3	2	1	6-3	8
Lille	6	3	2	1	6-4	8
Paris SG	6	1	5	0	5-3	7

## BIG MONEY TRANSFERS THIS SUMMER

English fans know all about the multi-million pound deals that have taken David Platt from Aston Villa to Bari and Trevor Steven from Rangers to Olympique Marseille.

The £5million Marseille paid for Steven, is £500,000 less than ambitious Bari paid for Platt.

But that £5.5million fee wasn't the biggest of the summer. AS Roma grabbed that 'honour' when they paid Juventus £5.8million for German midfielder player Thomas Hässler.

Juventus meanwhile spent £5million on another German star, Jurgen Kohler from Bayern Munich, and Lazio coughed up £5million for Hamburg's Thomas Doll.

Perhaps the shrewdest move was made by Fiorentina. They sold Renato Buso (sent off here for elbowing Tony Adams) to Sampdoria, then paid £3million to Argentinian champions Boca Juniors for South America's top striker Gabriel Batistuta.

The only other club - Liverpool apart - making huge investments were Paris St. Germain. PSG, determined to break Marseille's domestic dominance, shelled out £5million for Benfica's Brazilian defender Ricardo Gomes and his midfield colleague Valdo.



**Chris Waddle... made two of Marseille's goals at Caen**

(Photo by Coloursport)

## AUSTRIA

Our European Cup opponents Austria Wien moved into joint second place after six matches, thanks to a 2-0 over Vorwärts Steyr. The Violets share second spot with Austria Salzburg, who dropped a point in a goalless draw at Linz.

Rapid, who drew 0-0 at FC Tirol, have ten points, one ahead of Austria Wien and Salzburg.

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Champions Sparta - who face Rangers in the European Cup - suffered a surprise defeat when they went 0-1 at home to local rivals in the big Prague derby.

## BELGIUM

Champions Anderlecht, including new Dutch centre forward Johnny Bosman from PSV Eindhoven, opened their league programme with a comfortable 4-1 win at Kortrijk.

In the other big game of the opening day, Club Brugge won 2-1 at Standard Liege.

## GERMANY

Former East German champions Hansa Rostock have made a great start to their first-ever Bundesliga campaign.

They've won both their opening matches, including an impressive 2-1 success at Bayern Munich.

Eintracht Frankfurt and Kickers Stuttgart are the only other teams with 100% records.

Leaders Eintracht hit top form to demolish Schalke 04 5-0.

## HOLLAND

Bobby Robson's PSV Eindhoven began their league season with a 2-1 win over FC Utrecht. Feijenoord pipped Twente Enschede 1-0. Ajax didn't have a game last weekend.

## POLAND

Widzew Lodz beat Motor Lublin 2-1 and maintained their 100% record at the top of the Polish League after four games, Sawisza Bydgoszcz are second after beating Olimpija Poznan 3-1.

Lech Poznan are the other 100% side. They hammered Pegrotour Debica 4-0, and have a game in hand on Widzew.

## PORTUGAL

Champions Benfica crashed to first day disaster, 0-1 at home to the unfashionable Porto club Boavista. Vitoria Guimaraes scored the biggest win, 4-1 at Famalicao. The FC Porto-Sporting Lisbon clash will now be played on September 25.

## SWITZERLAND

The champions Grasshoppers scored a 3-1 win over FC Zurich in the big local derby. Lausanne thrashed Servette Geneva 4-0.

## YUGOSLAVIA

The Yugoslav federation may be breaking up, but the league championship goes on, and UEFA has refused to recognise a breakaway Croatian FA.

In the second round of the championship European Cup holders Red Star - still including last season's stars Dejan Savicevic and Darko Pancev - walloped Pelister Bitola 4-1. Zemun, who beat Sarajevo 2-0, are the only team with maximum points from two matches.

## EUROPEAN CUP FIRST ROUND DRAW

US Luxembourg v Olympique Marseille  
Brondby (Denmark) v Lublin (Poland)  
Kispest (Hungary) v Dundalk  
Sparta Prague v Rangers  
Barcelona v Hansa Rostock  
Red Star v Portadown  
Universitatea Craiova (Romania) v Apollon Limassol  
IFK Gothenburg v Flamutari (Albania)  
Sampdoria v Rosenborg (Norway)  
Hamrun Spartans (Malta) v Benfica  
Arsenal v Austria Wien  
Dinamo Kiev v HJK Helsinki  
Besiktas (Turkey) v PSV Eindhoven  
Fram Reykjavik (Iceland) v Panathinaikos  
Anderlecht v Grasshoppers Zurich  
Kaiserslautern v Velliko Tarnovo (Bulgaria)



**By Kevin Connolly**

**Trevor Steven... joined Marseille in a £5million deal**

(Photo by Coloursport)







# JUNIOR



## JUNIOR GUNNERS MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Most of you will know by now that JG membership is taking longer to process this year because we have a new computerised membership card, and the computer was installed much later than expected. We are working hard to catch up with the backlog – all we ask of you is a little patience.

If you need your membership card to get into a match, please collect it from the JG office – but it would help if you come during the week, or more than an hour before kick-off on a matchday.

Don't forget that on a matchday there are bound to be long queues, so call on Monday to Friday if you can.

Just a reminder too that it will cost you £3 to replace a lost membership card this season (or £6 if you lose it a second time). Take care of your card and it won't cost you anything at all!

Keep it in a safe place at home, and when you bring it to matches take care not to lose it on the journey or in the ground.

**PLEASE DON'T TRY TO USE THE JG TURNSTILES WITHOUT A MEMBERSHIP CARD OR WITH LAST YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP CARD. THE GATEMEN CANNOT ADMIT YOU AT THE REDUCED PRICE WITHOUT YOUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD, AND IT WILL JUST CAUSE DELAYS AND FRUSTRATION FOR YOU AND OTHER PEOPLE IN THE QUEUE.**

### Junior Gunners Message Line

**KAREN SUGRUE** and **NATALIE JAMESON** – Congratulations on your parts with the British Youth Opera. Love Tracy **JULIE GILLESPIE** – Many happy returns! Love from all your friends at Arsenal.

• If you have a message that you would like us to print in the programme, please send it to: JG Message Line, JG Office, Arsenal FC, Highbury, London N5 1BU. Please send your letter in at least two weeks before the match, and say which programme it is for. There is no charge, and we will fit in as many as we can.

### FACE IN THE CROWD

Are you the face in the photograph below? If you are, you've won two tickets for an Arsenal home match this season. All you have to do is bring along your programme and membership card to Debbie at the Junior Gunners office and claim your tickets.

You can do this between 9.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

### Mystery Member

Tonight's mystery Junior Gunner is called **CHRISTOPHER** and he lives at 11a CROXTED ROAD. If this is you then you have won a £5 voucher to spend in the Gunners Shop. To claim your prize please contact Debbie, Sue or Jane in the Junior Gunners office (phone 071 359 0205) and tell us your surname and the rest of your address.

Congratulations to **DANIEL O'CONNOR** who was featured in the programme for the Makita Tournament and claimed his prize.

### Junior Gunners Season Tickets

Some of you have been asking about buying Junior Gunners season tickets. If you want to buy a JG season ticket for the first time you should write to our Box Office at Arsenal FC, Avenell Road, Highbury, London N5 1BU, and they will place your name on a waiting list for the future.

### BALLBOYS AND BALLGIRLS

Thank you to our ballboys and ballgirls this evening who are:

**MARTIN SPACKMAN, GARY NEWELL,**

**WAYNE LUFF, NILS JOSELIN,**

**PAUL LOWRY, ROBERT FIDDLER,**

**JULIE WHEELER, DAVID ILLINGWORTH,**

**ADAM WARNER, PAUL GARDINER,**

**GRANT THOMPSON, DEAN WRIGHT**

• Junior Gunners would like to thank Adidas for kindly providing the outfits for our ballboys and ballgirls.

### THANKS TO ADIDAS

Thanks to Adidas for providing us with mascot kits and ballboy/ballgirl outfits throughout the season.

### WELCOME, JUNIOR HATTERS

Welcome to all the Junior Hatters who are here this evening. We're pleased to see you and hope you enjoy your visit to Highbury. Hello too, to BEV TYLER who runs the Junior Hatters club.

# GUNNERS

## OUR MASCOT: PAUL DONOGHUE



Welcome to our mascot this evening, **PAUL DONOGHUE** from Walthamstow. Eleven-year-old Paul is a pupil at ST. SAVIOURS School, where he enjoys PE, reading and history.

He plays for his school football team as well as local side WADHAM FC. His other hobbies include swimming, tennis and watching WFC American Wrestling.

Paul's favourite pop star is MC Hammer, and his favourite TV programme is 'Neighbours'. He has supported Arsenal for four years and names Anders Limpar and Lee Dixon as his top Gunners.

## COME IN NUMBER... 5078

Your name?  
Garyjohn Warren

Your age?  
9

The town/area you live in?  
Rainham, Essex

Your hobby?  
Playing football, karate, watching Arsenal matches

Your favourite TV programme?  
'The Bill', 'Catchphrase', 'The Match'

How long have you supported Arsenal?  
5 years

The first match you saw?  
West Ham United v Arsenal at Upton Park

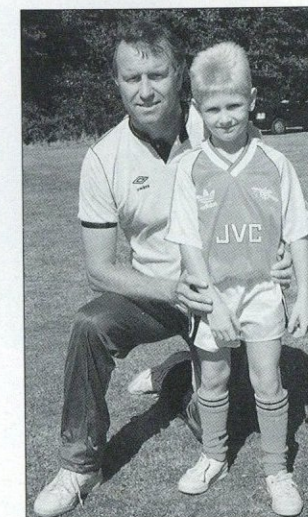
The best match you have seen?  
Liverpool v Arsenal for League Championship – I cried

Favourite Arsenal player?  
Perry Groves

Favourite player at another club?  
Steve Bull

Anything else you'd like us to know?

The picture I have sent is me with Peter Osgood. When I was on holiday in 1989 I went on a soccer skills course with him. When he saw my Arsenal kit he said: 'Wrong team, you should be Chelsea!' I also play for a local team, Romford Colts. We train on Wednesday evenings and normally play on Saturdays or Sunday mornings.



• If you've sent your details in to us already, don't worry, we'll be printing more in future programmes and newsletters.



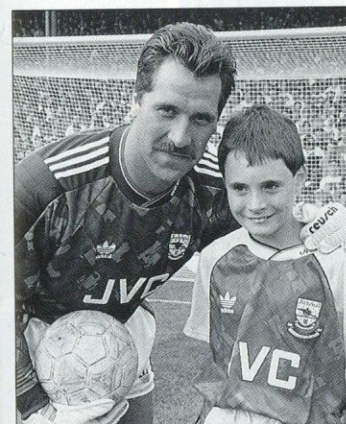
## JUST FOR FUN

Last time we asked you the name of Aston Villa's new manager, and whether you could remember at least two other English clubs he has managed.

We're sure you all realised the man in question was **RON ATKINSON**, who has managed Cambridge United, West Bromwich Albion, Manchester United and Sheffield Wednesday in this country.

On Saturday we will be playing Manchester City, where our former striker Niall Quinn now plays. Can you remember the name of the central defender – who shares the same birthday as Niall – who joined Arsenal from Manchester City in 1983?

Answer next time as usual.



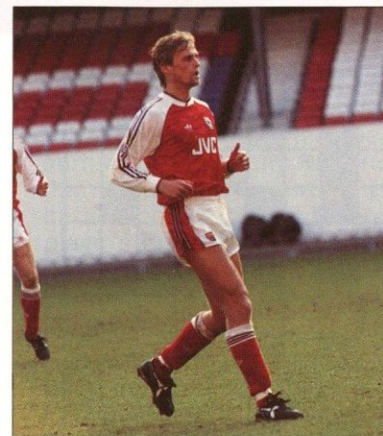
**Paul Rayner, our mascot against QPR, meets David Seaman before the kick-off**





## THE NEW ARSENAL AWAY KIT

## SIGGI PLANS TO MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME



Sigi Jonsson aims to make up for two years of lost time this season. The unlucky Iclander has spent two seasons fighting back trouble. Now he's fit again and bidding to win the first team place that's eluded him since he arrived at Highbury in the summer of 1989.

'I didn't join Arsenal just to see out my contract in the reserves,' said the 24 year-old Icelandic international. He cost a tribunal-set £475,000 fee. But injuries have restricted him to just nine first team appearances - most as a sub. 'When I came to Highbury, Arsenal were champions, just like we are now. It was a good move for me, because I wanted to play for a successful team. I've still got a lot to play for. This season,

I hope I'll have the chance, without any interruptions.'

Sigi was a frequent sub early in the 1989/90 season. He scored in a 4-0 win over Manchester City and soon became a cult figure with the Highbury fans. But the only game he started that season was the Littlewoods Cup disaster at Oldham, when we crashed 1-3 on the Boundary Park plastic. Jonsson's campaign came to an abrupt halt two months later. He subbed at Stoke towards the end of our F.A. Cup third round win. Then the back worries kept him out for the rest of the season.

Last season turned out even worse. Sigi made a sound start in the reserves. He shone in an attacking position behind the front two. He broke into the first team for the 2-2 draw at Leeds and the 2-0 home win over Norwich. Then his back 'went' again.

While he was sidelined, young David Hillier stepped forward to play an important part in our title triumph.

'It was a nightmare. It created so many doubts in my mind,' said Sigi: 'Some days I'd turn up for training, then find the back had locked and I couldn't even take part.'

Jonsson needed surgery, battled through a strengthening programme with Gary Lewin - then continued his exercises back home in Iceland during the summer. Sigi returned to pre-season training a week later than most of his colleagues. But he stepped into action straightaway.

'The Monday I arrived, we had a reserve friendly against Kuwait. I went in, felt OK, and I've been playing ever since,' he said.

Jonsson has shown he's retained his old eye for an opening, and he banged home a spectacular free kick at Aldershot in the 1-1 pre-season draw. 'He's been looking sharp,' said reserve team coach George Armstrong.

'Now I want to challenge for the first division again,' said Sigi: 'It will be a relief to have people asking me about my prospects instead of talking about my injuries.'

*By Kevin Connolly*





# ARSENAL CROSSWORD

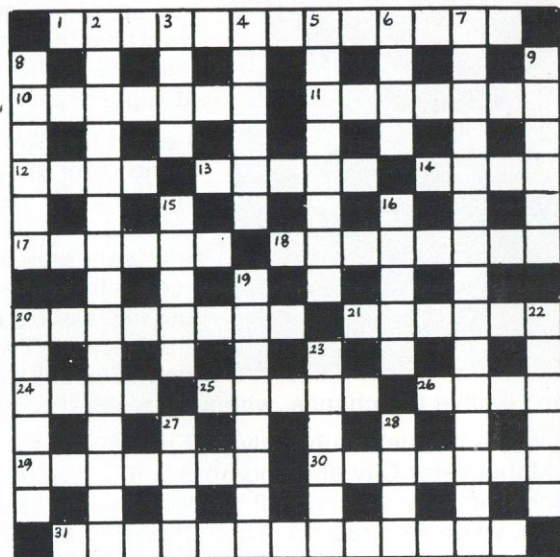
Crossword No. 597 - compiled by John Barrett

## ACROSS

1. Manager who played for West Ham (5,8)
10. Team with a Dixon (7)
11. Gives nothing away (7)
12. Loftus or Bloomfield (4)
13. Like Ninian Park (5)
14. Pack in an athlete (4)
17. Teammate of Charlton (6)
18. Watford's manager (8)
20. Won one England cap with Blackpool (8)
21. The quickest way to goal (6)
24. Dutch team (4)
25. On terms (5)
26. F.A. Cup winning captain (4)
29. Deflected slightly (7)
30. Old winger in the Isle of Man (7)
31. Bournemouth or Scarborough (7,6)

## DOWN

2. Crewe and another team in North London? (9,6)
3. Hurry for a striker (4)
4. One of Revie's Leeds team (6)
5. Bad result from star side (8)
6. Standard, but not quite Hunter (4)
7. Has teams at a price (9,6)
8. Marks goals (6)
9. International goalkeeper (6)
15. Sheffield United striker (5)
16. Exercise for travellers? (5)
19. Stopped at the back! (8)
20. Team switch (6)
22. Beat heavily (6)
23. Scoring attempt (6)
27. Responds to cast changes (4)
28. Trophies (4)



**SOLUTION NO. 597**  
 ACROSS: 1. Harry Redknapp; 10. Chelsea; 11. Scrooge; 12. Road; 13. Welsh; 14. Cram; 17. Sadler; 18. Perryman; 20. Charley; 21. Direct; 24. Ajax; 25. Level; 26. Kerr; 29. Glanced; 30. Douglas; 31. Seaside resort.  
 DOWN: 2. Alexandra Palace; 3. Rush; 4. Reaney; 5. Disaster; 6. Norm; 7. Programme seller; 8. Scores; 9. Seaman; 15. Deane; 16. Train; 19. Defended; 20. Change; 22. Thrash; 23. Header; 27. Acts; 28. Cups.



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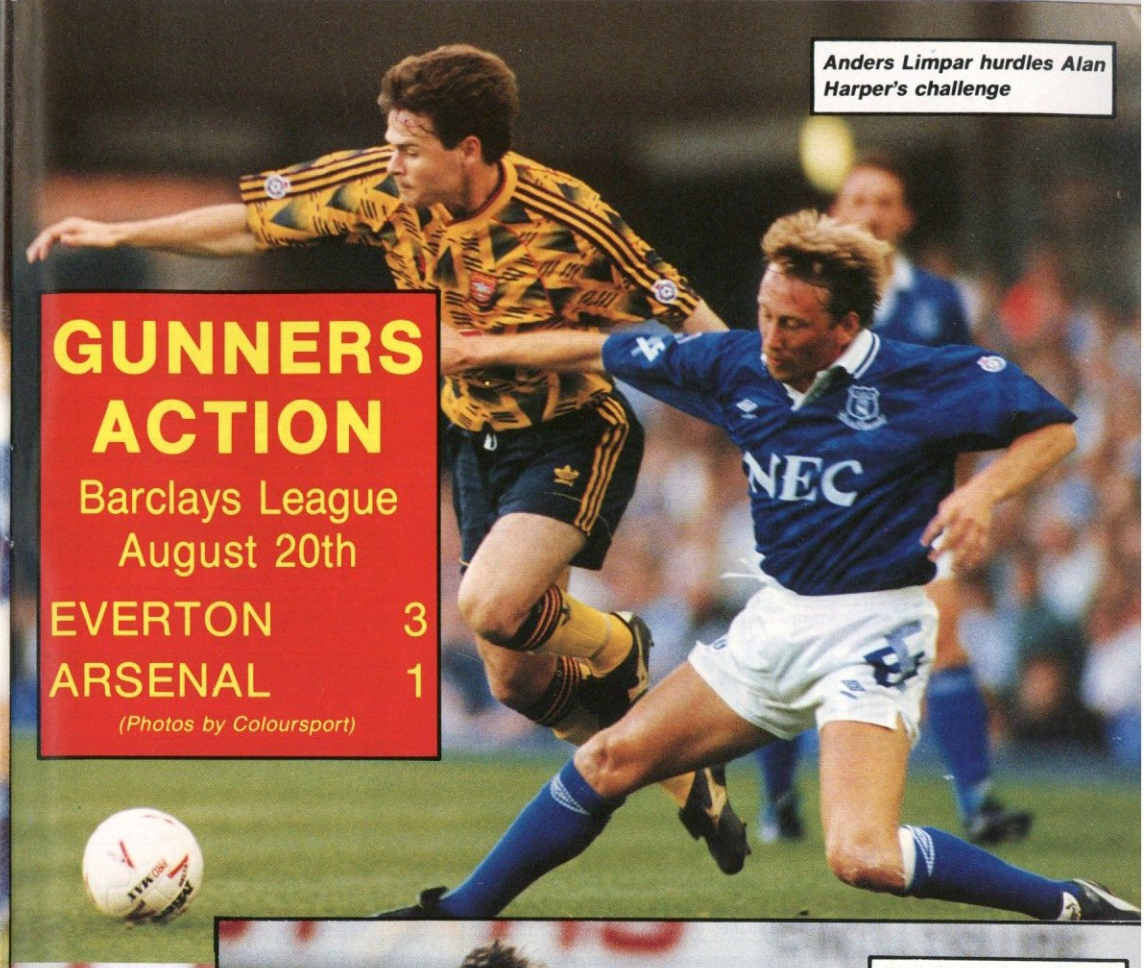
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Paul Merson takes on ex-Gunner Martin Keown



Anders Limpar hurdles Alan Harper's challenge

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David Rocastle tests out the Everton defence



Alan Smith tangles with Dave Watson





# STATISTICS

## BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 1991-2

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	Pld	Home					Away					Pts.
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
Manchester City	3	2	0	0	5	3	1	0	0	1	0	9
Manchester United	3	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	7
Nottingham Forest	3	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	4	1	6
Aston Villa	3	1	0	1	3	2	1	0	0	3	2	6
Norwich City	3	0	1	0	2	2	1	1	0	4	2	5
Coventry City	3	1	0	1	5	1	0	1	0	1	1	4
Oldham Athletic	3	1	1	0	5	2	0	0	1	1	2	4
Wimbledon	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	2	4
Everton	3	1	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	2	4
Leeds	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Liverpool	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	2	4
Chelsea	3	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	1	3	4	4
Southampton	3	0	0	1	2	3	1	0	1	2	1	3
Tottenham Hotspur	2	0	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	3	2	3
Notts County	3	1	0	1	1	4	0	0	1	0	2	3
Sheffield United	3	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	2	2	2
Queens Park Rangers	3	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	1	1	2
West Ham United	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	2
Luton Town	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	2
Sheffield Wednesday	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	1	1
Arsenal	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	6	1
Crystal Palace	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0

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Seaman	Dixon	Winterburn	Hillier	O'Leary+	Adams	Campbell+	Davis	Smith	Merson <sup>1</sup>	Limpar	Rocastle(77)	Groves(80)
Seaman	Dixon	Winterburn <sup>1</sup>	Hillier	O'Leary+	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Merson	Limpar +	Linighan(84)	Groves(60)
Seaman	Dixon	Winterburn	Linighan	O'Leary+	Adams	Rocastle+	Davis	Smith <sup>1</sup>	Merson	Limpar	Thomas(80)	Groves(74)

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Sep 25	Second Round First Leg		
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Oct 30	Third Round		
Dec 4	Fourth Round		
Jan 8	Fifth Round		
Feb 12	Semi-final First Leg		
Mar 4	Semi-final Second Leg		
Apr 12	Final		

Jan 4	Third Round		
Jan 25	Fourth Round		
Feb 15	Fifth Round		
Mar 7	Sixth Round		
Apr 5	Semi-final		
May 9	Final		

Sep 18	Austria Wien (1/1)		
Oct 2	Austria Wien (1/2)		

+ = player substituted

## F.A. CUP

## EUROPEAN CUP

NEWS VIEWS & MATCH COMMENTARIES





Luton Town have escaped relegation in each of the past three seasons only by winning their final game. So new manager David Pleat, who returned for his second spell in charge this summer, is under no illusions as to the size of the task before him.

With both of last season's chief goalscorers now having left the club - following the departure of Iain Dowie to West Ham in March, 19-goal Lars Elstrup returned to Odense during the summer - early signs suggest that Mr. Pleat will be basing his survival plans around his defence.

After Luton had drawn their opening game of the new season by 0-0 at West Ham, Mr. Pleat remarked: 'I was pleased with the way we defended. A clean sheet means more to me now than when I started in management'.

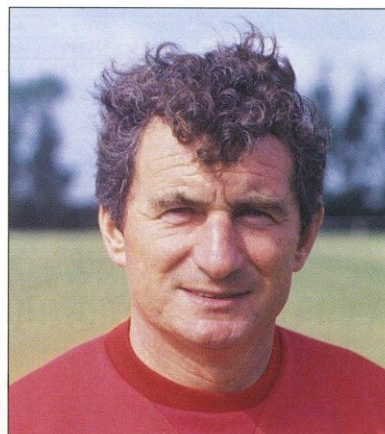
That was, in fact, the first time Luton had not conceded a goal in 46 away games, dating back to September 1989! However, four days later the Hatters crashed 0-5 at Coventry, before recovering to earn a goalless draw with Liverpool on Saturday.

In a bid to boost his attack, Mr. Pleat tried to sign former England striker Clive Allen from Manchester City shortly before the start of the season, but that deal fell through.

So, though Mr. Pleat has re-signed striker Brian Stein, we are likely to see the Luton emphasis switch more to defence. Centre-backs Graham Rodger and John Dreyer looked very solid at West Ham while full-backs Dave Beaumont and Richard Harvey were rarely troubled.

Darren McDonough, who now usually plays in midfield, is a former defender and Mr. Pleat will probably be looking to David Preece and Mark Pembroke - who saw his shot hit the bar at Upton Park - to move up in support of strikers Sean Farrell and Stein.

Kinglsey Black, on the left wing, is likely to become a key figure in any Luton counter-attack.



## The Luton first team squad...

**Back Row:** Julian James, Sean Farrell, David Beaumont, Graham Rodger, Alec Chamberlain, Darren McDonough, Marvin Johnson, John Dreyer, Richard Harvey.

**Front Row:** Kurt Nogan, Ceri Hughes, Jason Rees, David Preece, Mark Pembroke, Kingsley Black.

by Tony Pullein

## ALEC CHAMBERLAIN (Goalkeeper)

Alec was signed from Everton for £150,000 in July 1988 and took over in the Luton goal towards the end of the following season. He was a reserve player at Ipswich but soon stepped into League soccer with Colchester after a transfer in 1982. Everton signed him for £75,000 in 1987 as cover, but after a loan spell with Tranmere, he moved on to Kenilworth Road.

## DAVE BEAUMONT (Defender)

Dave, who was signed from Dundee United for £150,000 in January 1989, was unlucky with injuries in his early days with the Hatters. But he won a place at centre-back last season and opened the current campaign at right-back. He joined the Dundee club from school and worked his way into their first-team in 1984.

## JOHN DREYER (Defender)

John was an apprentice with Oxford but played League soccer for both Torquay and Fulham, on loan, during 1985/86 before getting his chance in the Oxford side the following season. Luton signed him for £140,000 in 1988 and he has been an ever-present member of their side for the past two seasons.

## GRAHAM RODGER (Defender)

Centre half Graham completed his apprenticeship with Wolves, but got only one outing in their League eleven. After moving to Coventry in 1985 he played four times for the England under-21s. Luton signed him during the summer of 1989.

## RICHARD HARVEY (Defender)

Richard is a former England youth international. He made his League debut in 1986 and for the past two seasons he has been a regular member of the side.

## MARVIN JOHNSON (Defender)

Marvin is a former Luton apprentice who broke into the first-team for a few games in 1987/88. Last season he played in both full-back positions. Marvin is one of the survivors of Luton's League Cup winning side against Arsenal in 1988.

## JULIAN JAMES (Defender/Midfield)

Julian joined the club as a trainee and he was introduced to First Division football four seasons ago. He is an England under 21 international.

## MARC NORTH (Defender/Midfield)

Versatile Marc returned for his second spell with the club this summer. He started his career with the Hatters, but made his League debut while on loan to Lincoln in 1985. He later had loan spells with Scunthorpe and Birmingham before transferring to Grimsby in 1987. Playing in attack, he led the Mariners' scoring list with 14 goals in his first season. Leicester paid £100,000 for him in 1989. Last season he turned out for Leicester - both in midfield and defence.

## DARREN McDONOUGH (Midfield)

Darren completed his apprenticeship with Oldham and p more than 200 first-team games for the Latics prior to his £85,000 transfer to Luton in 1986. He was a member of the Hatters' side in the 1989 Littlewoods Cup final.

## MARK PEMBRIDGE (Midfield)

Mark is a former Luton trainee who made his senior debut against West Ham in the Zenith Cup last December. He won a regular place and has played for Wales at 'B' and under-21 levels.

## DAVID PREECE (Midfield)

David made his League debut for Walsall in 1981, winning a regular place two years later. Luton invested £150,000 when they signed him in 1984 and he later played in two Littlewoods Cup finals for the Hatters. David has been capped three times by England 'B'.

## KINGLSEY BLACK (Midfield/Winger)

Kingsley made a remarkable impact after being introduced to the Luton side four seasons ago. He starred in their Littlewoods Cup win over the Gunners at Wembley and, within weeks, was in the Northern Ireland side. He now has 15 full international caps. Two seasons ago he was joint-top scorer with 12 goals. He netted nine times last term.

## JASON REES (Midfield)

Jason is an ex-trainee who made his First Division debut on New Years' Day in 1990, as a substitute against Everton. Last season Jason played his first game for the Wales under-21 side against England and he has since been capped by Wales 'B'.

## BRIAN STEIN (Forward)

Brian returned to Luton this summer after spending the past three seasons in France. A Luton discovery, he was introduced to the Hatters' League side in 1977 and was their leading scorer on two occasions, form that won him an England cap. Brian scored two of the Wembley goals when Luton beat the Gunners in the Littlewoods Cup final of 1988. That proved to be his last game for the club for three years. He was transferred to SM Caen, then played for Annancy before returning to Kenilworth Road.

## SEAN FARRELL (Forward)

Sean completed his apprenticeship with the Hatters, but made his League debut while on loan to Colchester during 1987/88. He made his First Division debut for Luton two seasons ago.

## PHIL GRAY (Forward)

Phil was signed from Tottenham for £275,000 shortly before the start of the season. He developed in the junior teams at White Hart Lane and made his First Division debut in 1987. Two seasons ago he went to Barnsley on loan.

## KURT NOGAN (Forward)

Kurt is a former trainee who turned professional in July 1989. He was a prolific scorer in the reserves and was elevated to the first team in January 1990. He won his first Wales under-21 cap last season.

## CONNECTIONS

### WHAT'S THE CONNECTION?

Can you spot the connection between Luton players David Preece, Kinglsey Black and Rob Johnson?

**SOLUTION:** They were all members of the Luton side which defeated the Gunners at Wembley in the 1988 League Cup final.







Position	League record for Luton		International Honours
	Aps.	Goal	
<b>GOALKEEPER</b>			
Alec Chamberlain	83	-	-
<b>DEFENDERS</b>			
Dave Beaumont	61(7)	-	Scotland u-21 (1)
Graham Rodger	17	2	England u-21 (4)
John Dreyer	93(2)	6	-
Richard Harvey	60(13)	-	-
Julian James	30(11)	1	England U-21 (2)
Marvin Johnson	54(9)	-	-
<b>MIDFIELD</b>			
Darren McDonough	80(17)	5	-
Mark Pembbridge	19	1	Wales 'B' (1)
David Preece	182(3)	6	Wales u-21 (1)
Kinglsey Black	120(4)	26	England 'B' (3)
Jason Rees	19(16)	-	N. Ireland (15)
Marc North	11(7)	3	Wales 'B' (1)
<b>FORWARDS</b>			
Sean Farrell	12(10)	1	Wales u-21 (2)
Brian Stein	379(10)	127	-
Kurt Nogan	11(8)	2	England (1)
Phil Gray	-(1)	-	Wales u-21 (1)

Statistics up to and including Saturday August 17

## PAST MATCHES BETWEEN ARSENAL AND LUTON (Arsenal's score shown first)

Season	DIVISION TWO		Season	DIVISION ONE	
	H	A		H	A
1897/98	2-1	1-3	1895/86	3-0	0-0
1898/99	3-0	1-4	1896/87	1-3	2-1
1899/1900	5-1	0-3	1897/88	2-0	0-0
			1898/89	1-0	1-1
			1899/90	3-2	0-2
			1900/91	2-1	1-1
1955/56	3-0	0-0	<b>FOOTBALL LEAGUE/LITTLEWOODS CUP</b>		
1956/57	1-3	2-1	1970/71 Third Round: Arsenal won 1-0 at Luton		
1957/58	2-0	0-4	1988 Final: Luton won 3-2 at Wembley		
1958/59	1-0	3-6	<b>FA CUP</b>		
1959/60	0-3	1-0	1952 Sixth round: Arsenal won 3-2 at Luton		
1974/75	2-2	0-2	1986 Fifth round: Luton won 3-0 at Luton after a 2-2 draw		
1982/83	4-1	2-2	at Luton and a 0-0 draw at Highbury		
1983/84	2-1	2-1			
1984/85	3-1	1-3			

## Barclays League Division One

Former Gunner Niall Quinn will be back to taunt us on Saturday when Manchester City are due at Highbury. Niall, who left the Gunners in March 1990, has been enjoying a new lease of life at Maine Road.

Last season he was City's top scorer with 22 goals, including a hat-trick at Crystal Palace in April. The Ireland centre forward headed City's only goal in their 1-0 win at Coventry on the opening day of this season.

Peter Reid, who took over as City's player-manager last November, has assembled a highly impressive team which could well become serious challengers for the Gunners' championship trophy this season. Already City are the only team with a 100% record after three matches. They also beat Liverpool 2-1, and Crystal Palace 3-2 on Saturday.

Though City finished impressively in fifth place last season, they had deficiencies in defence. During the whole of last season they kept only four clean sheets in the League.

## Saturday August 31 K.O. 3pm

Mr. Reid seems to have rectified this weakness, though, with the recent £2.5-million acquisition of Wimbledon centre-back Keith Curle who made his debut in the win at Coventry.

City's victory at Highfield Road was the more impressive as it was achieved without goalkeeper Tony Coton who was suspended. But young Martyn Margetson, playing in only his third League match, produced some important saves at critical points in the game.

So City look good all round. Now very tight at the back, they have creativity and steel in midfield where Reid continues to exert an enormous influence.

Then, of course, they have the striking partnership of David White and Quinn.

White, who scored four times at Aston Villa towards the end of last season, contributed 17 goals last term. He netted both goals against Liverpool and was also on target against Palace.



Peter Reid



Niall Quinn



David White







# THE TEAMS

## ARSENAL 2

Red shirts, white neck and sleeves,  
white shorts,  
red socks with white tops

**DAVID SEAMAN**

**LEE DIXON**

**NIGEL WINTERBURN**

**DAVID HILLIER**

**DAVID O'LEARY**

**TONY ADAMS**

**DAVID ROCASTLE**

**PAUL DAVIS**

**ALAN SMITH**

**PAUL MERSON**

**ANDERS LIMPAR**

**V**

## LUTON TOWN

White, blue and orange  
shirts, blue shorts,  
white, blue and orange socks

**ALEC CHAMBERLAIN**

**DAVID BEAUMONT**

**RICHARD HARVEY**

**DARRON McDONOUGH**

**GRAHAM RODGER**

**JOHN DREYER**

**PHIL GRAY**

**DAVID PREECE**

**BRIAN STEIN**

**MARK PEMBRIDGE**

**KINGSLEY BLACK**



Referee: P.L. Foakes (Clacton)

Linesmen: G. Butland (Walton-on-Naze) red trim

D.A. Daughtery (Bexhill) yellow trim

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