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David Pleat

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game we must believe that we can and will do so. It must not become a phobia and we on the coaching staff have a responsibility to ensure that our players are prepared to sacrifice defensive positions to join the attacking play.

I have no particular queries so far with the way we have defended as a team. Excepting the rather false circumstances at Coventry, we have protected Alec Chamberlain more than adequately, but in doing so we have not played with enough invention when we gained possession. Sometimes the solution is a good result which can transform a nervous player into one filled with confidence. But make no mistake with this, if we cannot quickly show that we are capable of winning games, we will be attempting to manoeuvre the transfer market.

Over the weekend, we reluctantly decided that in the best interests of the club we had no alternative but to accept a £1.5 million offer from Nottingham Forest for Kingsley Black. It is not something I enjoy doing, but I wish him well in his future and I am sure he reciprocates those wishes as he is a Lutonian. We should not be too dismayed at this 'football fact of life'. When I arrived first time around at Luton I sold Paul and Ron Fitcher for enough money nearly to re-generate a team. It took time, but the money made certain that we would not be embarrassed at

that time with our bankers. I am hoping that, much as we regret Kingsley leaving, there will be some understanding of the situation which I face as manager.

Our two additions, Trevor Peake, an experienced campaigner from Coventry, and the young forward Philip Gray, from Tottenham, will both prove they can handle the fierce theatre of Division One football. The only thing to fear is fear.

In coping with Liverpool and Arsenal, we have met two of the potential championship contenders. It is a long season and the challenges ahead will be exciting.

It would appear that there is no magic wand or fairy godmother waiting in the wings to support us with some desperately-needed money. I sincerely hope that the behind-the-scenes activities at the club can help put us in a position where we are not too beholden to our bankers. It is always a difficult line to follow when you are

trying to keep the club above water whilst protecting a good playing team. This conflict constantly catches many clubs out. We must be determined that over the next few weeks we can move into a situation where as a manager I can see a chance to move and to strengthen the staff without being under

daily pressure to sell players.

I hope tonight's game is a good one and all our loyal Hatters supporters will back the team as much as possible in our efforts to improve our situation. The early season support at West Ham, Coventry and Arsenal is appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

David Pleat



David Preece, supported by Kingsley Black, leads the Town on another attack against Liverpool.

Welcome to this evening's visitors from the South Coast. Ian Branfoot and Lew Chatterley have been given the task of progressing the club and trying to bring honours back to The Dell. They already know that it will not be easy as the biggest clubs swoop on their outstanding players when their contracts expire and spirit them away. Despite the loss of the trio of Wallace brothers, Mr Branfoot will be pleased that Shearer has signed a new contract and that Le Tissier is still there to tantalise defences.

Luton's problems are not that different to Southampton's. We have started the season with a daunting programme, playing six of the first eight games away from home and meeting the champions of the last two seasons Liverpool and Arsenal in successive matches. Football is a physical and a mental challenge and although we have not hit the net prior to the Chelsea

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News Update

The licensing of our game

Inspectors from the Football Licensing Authority will attend a special one-day seminar at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham this month. This will give club representatives an opportunity to talk directly to the individuals who will eventually issue licences to play professional football in this country.

Following the publication of the Taylor Report, the Football Licensing Authority has been appointed by the Government to oversee the implementation at Football League grounds of the recommendations contained in the report. The FLA will have extensive powers and football will only be able to be played at a league ground once the club has obtained a licence from the authority.

The one-day seminar, which has been arranged by the Football Stadia Advisory Design Council, has been organised around the Euro Stadia '91 exhibition which is expected to be attended by all league clubs.

The Open Forum seminar will be held on Thursday, September 12, beginning at 11am. The question and answer session which will involve inspectors from the FLA begins at 2.30 pm and is preceded in the morning by a look at the work of the Football Stadia Advisory Design Council.

Big or small

□ In an effort to ensure that clubs do not alter the size of their playing areas during the season, The Football League now insist upon pitch dimensions being registered at the league headquarters. In addition, league regulations now define both the maximum and minimum dimensions of the field of play permissible at clubs.

The biggest playing surface in the league can now be found at the Leyton Orient ground, Brisbane Road. Their pitch at 120 x 80 yards is bigger even than Wembley which measures a modest 115 x 75 yards by comparison. Swansea City's Vetch Field is the smallest pitch together with that at Fourth Division Halifax Town, both measuring 110 x 70 yards.

For the record, the biggest and smallest pitches in each division are: Division One - Nottingham Forest 115 x 78 yards, Chelsea, Leeds United, Luton Town, Southampton and West Ham all 110 x 72 yards. Division Two - Port Vale 113.5 x 77 yards, Derby County 110 x 71 yards. Division Three - Leyton Orient 120 x 80 yards, Swansea City 110 x 70 yards. Division Four - Carlisle United 117 x 78 yards, Halifax Town 110 x 70 yards.

Saints welcome

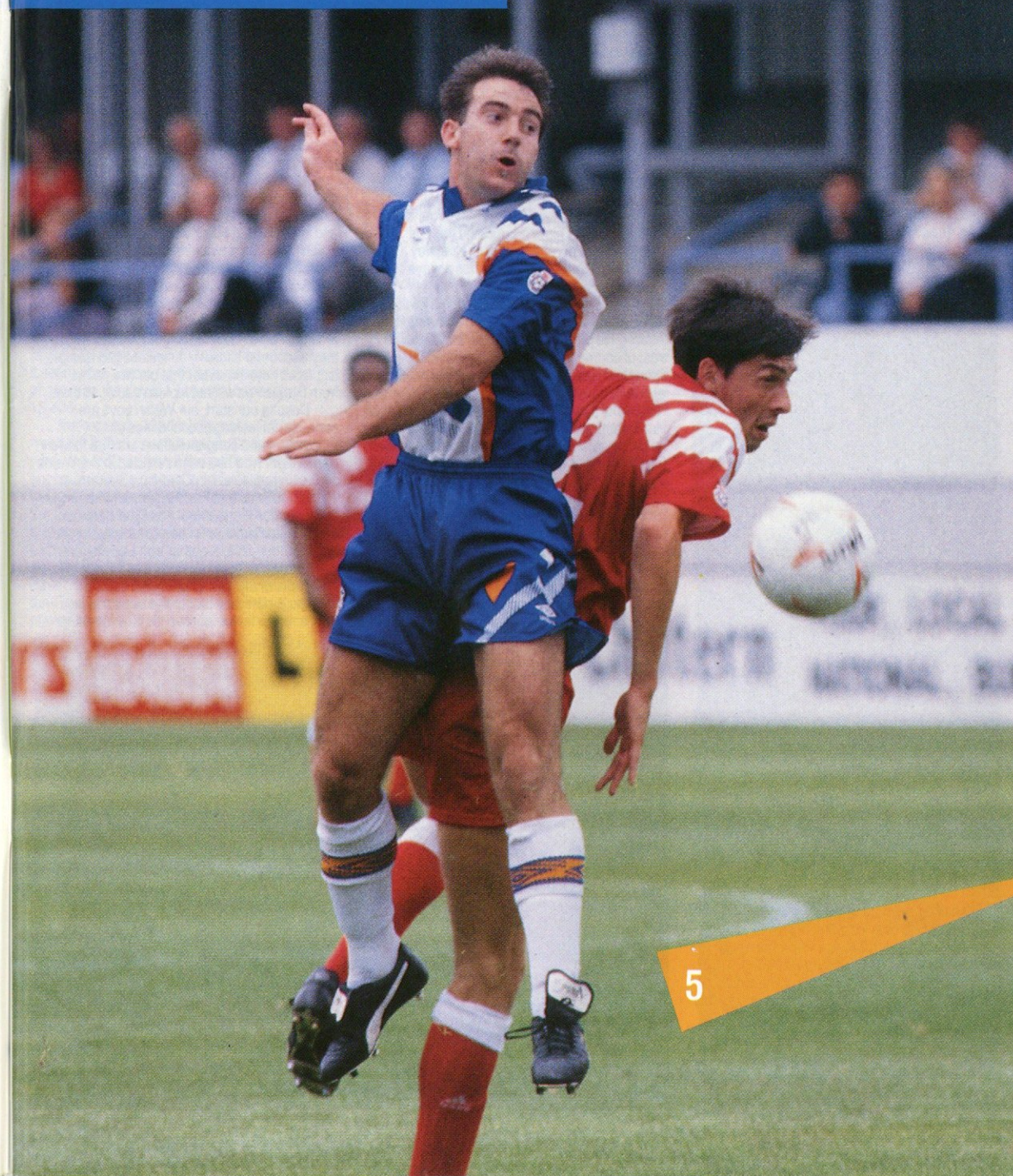
□ Tonight we extend a warm welcome to the players, directors, staff and supporters of Southampton Football Club. We have enjoyed many fine matches with the Saints over the years and we hope that everyone here will enjoy tonight's entertainment.

QPR fixture change

□ Please note that our home fixture against Queen's Park Rangers, which was originally scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, has been re-arranged for Tuesday, September 17, kick-off at 7.45 pm. This is due to the television companies' decision to broadcast live the European matches involving Arsenal and Liverpool that evening.

Action replay

Philip Gray and Gary Ablett duelling in the air in our last home match.



Inside view

By Bill Tomlins



Do not let these early results mislead you! We'll come bouncing back

Welcome to the new boys



On behalf of us all at the club it is a pleasure to welcome Philip Gray and Trevor Peake, our new captain, to Kenilworth Road. Philip (pictured above) has already had one home outing against Liverpool while Trevor (pictured right, with our manager David Pleat) will be making his first home appearance tonight. Good luck to them both.

Good evening and a warm welcome to Southampton and their supporters on their visit to Kenilworth Road tonight. Like us, the Saints have been through a busy early-season period which has involved activity in the transfer market and some unpredictable results.

Last weekend, Kingsley Black joined Nottingham Forest for a £1.5 million transfer fee. Naturally, our best wishes go with Kingsley, as with any player who has been part of our club and moves on. This is normal and there is always a tinge of regret, but with Kingsley it is something different. He is and has always been a special case.

He had been with the club since he was a schoolboy. Indeed, we had been following him, tracking his progress, since he was 11 and he was, of course, a Luton boy through and through who grew up following the club and later joined us, from school, to become a successful player at full professional level.

Listening to him talking on the radio on Saturday, after completing the transfer, I was struck by just how much he has matured in recent years and, in particular, since he first came into the team at the time of the 1988 Littlewoods Cup final. I am sure there is a part of Kingsley which, as with many of our own supporters, will be happy to have seen the club accept a big fee for his transfer and, in doing so, be giving the manager some help in strengthening our squad.

As Kingsley leaves for another First Division

club, of course, further opportunities will open up for other players here at Kenilworth Road. Philip Gray, who we were very pleased to see opening his Football League goalscoring account at Chelsea, has joined us recently to further his own career and I am sure this will prove to be a very good move for him.

At the present time, the results are not going our way and the pundits are proving keen to write us off already. But these are early days and we have played only five matches, four of which have been away from home and against difficult opposition, three in London.

Some of the national newspapers publish current form tables during the season and it will be interesting to see the performances and results of other clubs during the season when they encounter similarly difficult sequences of fixtures. I have no doubt that our two points from five games will not look so bad at all then.

Despite our start, our Welsh boys are certainly not lacking in confidence or recognition and congratulations are due to Mark Pembroke, who has been selected in the Wales squad to meet Brazil in Cardiff on September 11, Jason Rees and Kurt Nogan, who have won further under-21 honours, and Paul Hancock and Mathew Holtam, for being selected by the Wales under-18's, together with Lee Rogers, who is on standby.

Incidentally, our other Welsh star Ceri Hughes is now only four or five weeks away from a return to competitive football following



his recovery from injury and we all, I am sure, wish him all the best as he works towards a full restoration of fitness and form and a recall to international duty.

Liverpool's visit in our opening home league match with the return of visiting supporters appeared to go off very well indeed, despite the natural and understandable apprehension of many people in the local community. The Mayor of Luton officially opened the New Stand and with a good atmosphere and good behaviour all round, I felt it justified our faith in the decision.

We were disappointed with the attendance, but given the time of the year and the traditional effect which the holiday season has had on our fixtures, it was understandable. With Liverpool falling 700 short of their full allocation of tickets, it seems there were 1,500 Luton supporters missing on the day in a potential capacity of 13,400.

Interestingly, I had a telephone call last week, after the Liverpool match, from a person who wished to protest at the return of visiting supporters to the ground before the first match took place. It was only after I informed her that the game against Liverpool had been played that she realised her words were somewhat in vain.

On the fixtures front, please note that we have been drawn to meet Birmingham City in the Rumbelows League Cup. The first leg will be played here on September 25 and the second leg at St Andrews on October 8 (details on page 13). The prices for this game have been reduced as in previous years for games played at this stage of the competition.

Once again, we shall be contesting the Zenith Data Systems Cup in which we have received a first round bye. In the second round, we will play away to Ipswich Town or Bristol City on October 22 or October 16, respectively, depending on the outcome of their meeting.

Finally, a warm welcome to our loan player Lee Glover, here for one month from Nottingham Forest, and a welcome home to Brian Stein. Also welcome to Jurgen Sumner, our new non-contract goalkeeper who you have to see to believe. He is so big that, as Bill Shankly always said of Ron Yeats, you have to walk round him to appreciate his size! Enjoy the match.

Sean to Miss Three

Sean Farrell, who was sent off at Coventry City, will miss three First Division matches through suspension. He is ruled out of tonight's clash with the Saints, our visit to Wimbledon on Saturday and the following week's home clash with Notts County.

Captain's diary

By Trevor Peake



"A great honour to take over as skipper"

Hello and welcome to this evening's match against Southampton and my first column as captain of Luton Town. As everyone, I hope, will know, I joined the club very recently from Coventry City. Not long in fact after playing against the Hatters for the Sky Blues. As you can imagine, there were a few jokes in the dressing room on the first day particularly as I had got to know Sean Farrell so well during the game at Highfield Road!

Actually, I was very sorry to see Sean sent off that night as I personally did not believe it was a sending-off offence. But, when you look at the list of players dismissed already this season, you start to wonder at what is going on.

So, there was a fair bit of mickey-taking, as you would expect, on my first day at training, particularly as Sean was the last one to arrive. I took it all in good spirit, of course, and it certainly broke the ice.

To be honest, I did not know too many of the players. I knew Graham Rodger, of course, from his Coventry days, but we did not really play together too often. Graham was a youngster then and usually deputised for Brian Kilcline, or myself, so our partnerships were fitful.

I knew Brian Stein, too, because we had played against each other a few times and he was friendly with a great old friend of mine, Kirk Stephens, who was obviously well known at Kenilworth Road too in his 'Basher' days. We both go back a long way as friends.

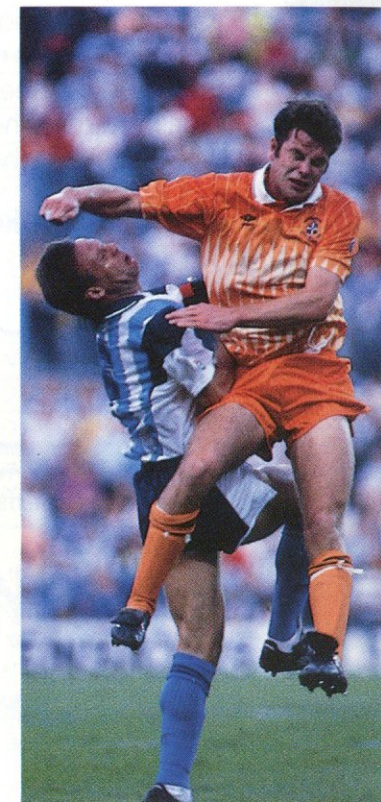
My career began at Nuneaton, like Kirk's, but, just to kill off an old myth, I have to say I cannot honestly remember being there at the same time as my new boss David Pleat. I know we both began our present careers there, myself as a player and Mr Pleat as a manager, but I think we just missed each other. I remember Geoff Coleman as manager in my time. But I would love a look in the record books, just to check.

I cannot say the same about Colin Murphy, of course, as I played under him for four years at Lincoln City between 1979 and 1983 when I also struck up a good friendship with Mick Harford who was at the club at the time. We were good mates until Mick went on his travels. I left Lincoln in 1983 for Coventry, of course, and remained there until, well, last week.

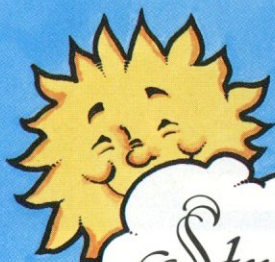
I was obviously very flattered when Mr Pleat approached me and asked if I would be prepared to take over as captain. I said I would be proud and honoured if it did not upset any of the other senior players and the initial response from the lads to me has been fantastic, especially from John Dreyer who has been very helpful.

There is a tremendous atmosphere at the club and I really do not think confidence has been badly affected by the results so far. The lads still have great belief in themselves and that has impressed me. I know what it is like to be under pressure from my years with Coventry and this is an important factor.

Tonight, we meet Southampton, a side with several good forwards including new signing Iain Dowie who is obviously an old favourite here. He has done tremendously well in league football over the last two years and is a very good centre-forward. The Saints have plenty of other talented men too and we know there is no such thing as an easy game in the First Division and we are not expecting one tonight. But, with your help, we can win.



Sean and Trevor together at Highfield Road



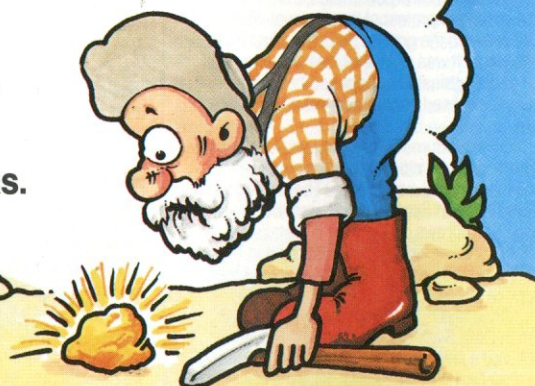
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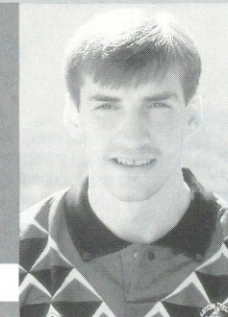
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Junior Hatters

With Alec Chamberlain.



Tonight, we give a warm welcome to Southampton and their new manager Ian Branfoot. We always have a good friendly game against the Saints with plenty of goals. Let's hope tonight's game is up to that standard and we come out winners.

Southampton are likely to include their new signing and former Luton favourite Iain Dowie who we welcome back to Kenilworth Road, along with David Lee who was signed from Bury last week. We should also have our new signing Trevor Peake making his home debut in tonight's game so it should be a cracking evening for them.

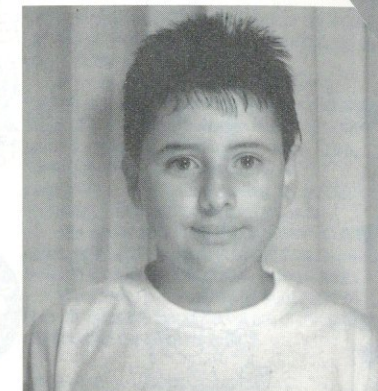
I must remind all Junior Hatters that as from September 1, the Junior Hatters will be run separately from the membership scheme. This offers a great chance for both boys and girls under 16 to take part in the active support of both the team and the club. Throughout the season, there will be activities for you to attend, including an Open Day when you can come and see us all training.

There will be also be sports nights, discos and football training as well as playing football against Junior supporters of rival clubs in the First Division, both home and away.

And if you travel with the Junior Hatters to away games you will have the chance to be the mascot and lead out the team!

It only costs £3 to become a Junior Hatter and, in return, you receive a membership card, a badge and your own Junior Hatters scarf. Call into the Oak Road Sports Shop any day during the week to collect a form or on matchdays from the souvenir shop in Kenilworth Road.

On Saturday, September 21, we will be doing a sponsored walk to send a boy with cancer to a soccer holiday in America. We have had a poor response so far, so, come on, now is the chance to show what we can do and see how much we can raise. Call in to the Oak Road Sports Shop tonight for an entry form.



Tonight's mascot is Barry Impey. He is 12 years old and attends Ashcroft High School. His interests are football and, yes, you've guessed it, coming to watch Luton Town.

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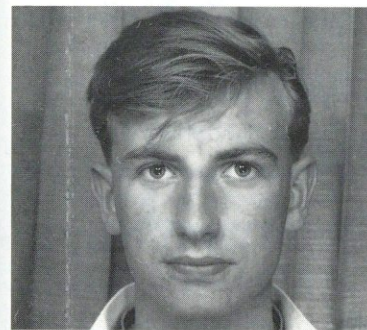
It could be a right result.



Fans' view

Mad as a Hatter...

Darren Housden



Job: marketing trainee

1st home game: v Sunderland, April, 1978, lost 1-3. 1st
away game: v Cambridge, November, 1979, won 2-1.

Favourite player (past): Ricky Hill. Favourite player
(present): David Preece

Best goal last season: Lars Elstrup's second in 2-2
draw at Nottingham Forest. Best goal ever: Ricky Hill
against Shrewsbury in 4-1 promotion win, 1982.

League grounds visited: 31. Favourite away ground:
Maine Road, Manchester
Most memorable match: Littlewoods Cup final, 1988.

All-time Luton Town: Dibble, Breacker, Grimes,
Horton, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Harford, Hatton,
Moss. Subs: Walsh, Preece.

Welcome back

Dear Sir,

How nice to see Brian Stein back in a Luton
Town shirt and to admire his passing and all-
round skills. When one looks at the inflated
transfer prices being paid to day it makes one
wonder just what Brian would have been worth.
What a bargain we got from Edgware. I also feel
what a loss to England that a player of his class
only received one cap, so welcome back Brian.
We all wish you had never been away.

Les Skinner.
21, Elvington Gardens
Bramington Park,
Luton, Beds, LU3 4ET.

Naval Thanks

Dear Sir,

The Royal Naval Association and Club, have
asked me to convey to you their sincere thanks
for your support with their fund raising event of
the 15th August.

I wish to add my personal thanks and look
forward to seeing you again should you be able
to visit our Branch and Club.

We are pleased to report that subject to one or
two outstanding matters to be settled, that we
shall have raised on the evening between £1500
and £1600. This will put us on the right road
towards our efforts to make our Club premises
more accessible to persons with disabilities.

Many thanks and best wishes.

Les Manners.
Welfare Officer.
The Royal Naval Association
'Diadem House', 124 Crawley Green Road,
Luton, Bedfordshire.

Bulgarian Help

Dear Sir,

We are Albion Co from Varna, Bulgaria, starting
a newspaper on English football. We are glad to
have the possibility to send you this fax. We
found your number in the Football League
Handbook, which was sent to us by Mr. T. D.
Dent.

We need your help since we are the first to
start a newspaper of this kind in Bulgaria. We
found out that the season begins on Aug 17.
Our first issue will be on Aug 13, but
unfortunately we haven't got your programme
yet. We would like to kindly ask you to send us
one, if possible.

We intend setting up an exhibition on
English football, the Football League and all the
clubs of The Football League. We need some
printed matter on the history of Luton Town,
some statistic data concerning your
participation in League Matches, as well as
souvenirs - flags, photos, badges, etc.

We would appreciate your advice on our
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Saturday September 7, 1991, kick-off 3pm

Tickets for seats at this match will be available from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road. The tickets will be priced at £8 (no concessions). Tickets for standing accommodation on the terraces will cost £6 and they will be available at the turnstiles on the day. Note: This fixture will be played at Selhurst Park.

Luton Town v Oldham Athletic

Saturday September 14, 1991, kick-off 3pm

Tickets for this match will go on sale from Saturday, August 31. Normal league prices and guesting facilities will apply.

Luton Town v Queen's Park Rangers

Tuesday September 17, 1991, kick-off 7.45pm

Tickets for this match will go on sale from Saturday, September 4. Normal league prices and guesting facilities will apply.

Rumbelows Football League Cup – Second round, first leg Luton Town v Birmingham City

Wednesday, September 25, 1991, kick-off 7.45 pm

Following are the prices of tickets:

		Adults	Senior Citizens/Juniors
Main Stand	A-E	£8.50	£5
	F	£6.50	£4
	G	£5.50	£4
Enclosure	C-G	£6.50	£4
	A,B,H,J	£5.50	£4
New Stand	A-E	£8.50	£5
Kenilworth Seating	A-G	£6.50	£4
Kenilworth Standing		£5.00	£2.50

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS (cup voucher no 22) may claim their tickets from Wednesday, September 4 (after tonight's match) until Friday, September 13, inclusive.

MEMBERS may purchase tickets from Saturday, September 14, until kick-off on September 25. Normal guesting facilities apply for this match.

VISITING SUPPORTERS may only purchase their tickets priced at £8.50 from the Ticket Office at Birmingham City.

The second leg of this tie will be played at St Andrews, Birmingham, on Tuesday, October 8, 1991, kick-off at 8pm.

How to get to...

WIMBLEDON, c/o Selhurst Park, London SE25 6PU.

By road: Take the M1 or the A1 south to the A406 for Chiswick. Then take the A205 to Wandsworth. After this, take the A3 and the A214 to Streatham and then the A23 to Whitehorse Lane for the stadium.

Street parking is available.

By rail: Take British Rail to London and then travel to Thornton Heath, Norwood Junction or Selhurst Park.

MANCHESTER UNITED, Old Trafford, Manchester M16 0RA.

By road: Take the M1 and then M6 north to Junction 20. Then take the M56 to Junction 7. Join the A56 towards the City Centre and take a left into Warwick Road for the stadium.

Car parks near the stadium.

By rail: Travel on British Rail to Manchester Piccadilly.

Travel Club

Bookings are not being taken this season from the Bobbers Club in Oak Road. But they can be made in any of the following ways:

1. From our new ticket kiosk at the Kenilworth Road turnstiles before any Saturday first-team match at home between 2pm and kick-off, or
2. On the return journey from the previous away game with the Travel Club, or
3. By telephoning Paul Deason on Bedford (0234) 750996.

Fares

Fares for the trip to WIMBLEDON on September 7, 1991, will be £4.50 for adults and £3.50 for children or Senior Citizens. The coaches will depart from Cranfield at 10.30 am and from Luton at 11.30 am with pick-ups en route.

Fares for the trip to MANCHESTER UNITED on September 21, 1991, will be £9.50 and £7.50. The coaches will depart from Cranfield at 8.30 am and from Luton at 9.30 am with the usual pick-ups en route.

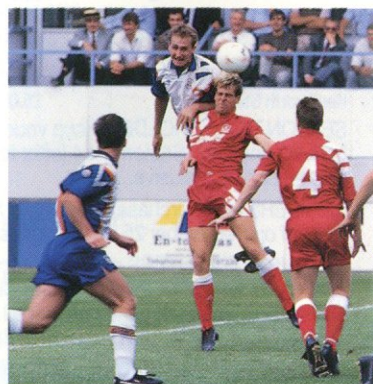
Action replay

Pictures by Josh Levy

From Kenilworth Road
August 24, 1991
Luton Town 0 Liverpool 0
Attendance: 11,132



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David Preece (above) is pictured in action during our 0-0 draw with Liverpool. Also pictured are John Dreyer, Graham Rodger and Philip Gray.

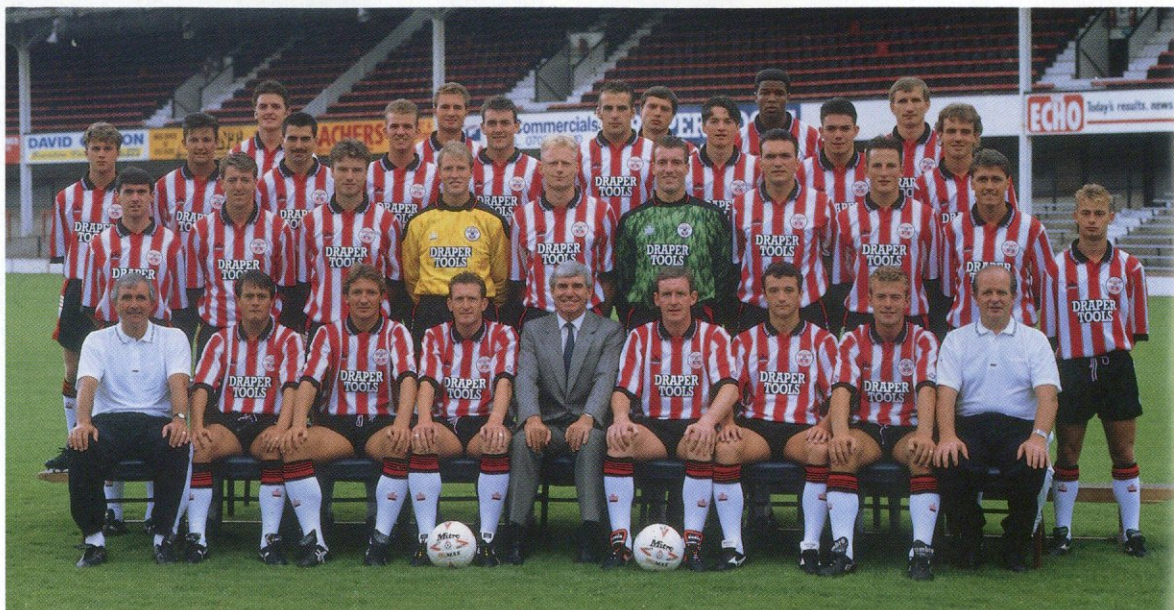
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Today's visitors

By Luke Nicoli

Welcome to Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON FOOTBALL CLUB 1991/92 SEASON



BACK ROW (left to right) – JASON DODD, ANDY COOK, ALEXI CHEREDNIK, JON GITTENS, SERGEI GOTSMANOV
3rd ROW (left to right) – STEVE ROAST, NICKY BANGER, FRANCIS BENALI, NEIL MADDISON, TOMMY WIDDRINGTON, MATTHEW BOUND, DAVID HUGHES, JEFF KENNA, PAUL TISDALE
2nd ROW (left to right) – ALAN McLOUGHLIN, MATTHEW LE TISSIER, STEVE DAVIS, IAN ANDREWS, PAUL MOODY, TIM FLOWERS, NEIL RUDDOCK, RICHARD HALL, PAUL RIDEOUT, LEE POWELL
FRONT ROW (left to right) – LEW CHATTERLEY (First Team Coach), MICKY ADAMS, RUSSELL OSMAN, GLENN COCKERILL, IAN BRANFOOT (Manager), KEVIN MOORE, BARRY HORNE, ALAN SHEARER, DON TAYLOR (Physiotherapist)

This evening, we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Southampton to Kenilworth Road. Like many First Division clubs, at the time of writing, the Saints have not made the start to the new league season they would have liked and new manager Ian Branfoot has already moved into the transfer market to strengthen his squad. Last week they signed former Town favourite Iain Dowie for £500,000 and Bury winger David Lee for £350,000.

Southampton started their campaign with a 3-2 home defeat at the hands of a rejuvenated Tottenham, with Alan Shearer and newcomer Richard Hall scoring the consolation goals. This result was followed in quick succession by defeat at Notts County 1-0, although they showed signs of a change in fortune with a workmanlike 2-0 win at Sheffield United. Last Wednesday evening, they met Leeds United and suffered a heavy 4-0 defeat.

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Now under the guidance of former Reading boss Mr Branfoot, the Saints will be looking to improve on their indifferent form of recent seasons, form which has seen them fail to live up to the high expectations placed on them, as they get into their stride this term. Although goalscoring winger Rod Wallace departed for Elland Road during the summer, the Saints still have an impressive forward line-up. England hopeful Matthew Le Tissier, who was yet again top-scorer for Southampton with 19 league goals last season, will link up with England's mini-World Cup star Alan Shearer to form a potentially explosive front line.

Add to this the older heads of captain Glenn Cockerill and former England defender Russell Osman and it is easy to see that Mr Branfoot has a good balance of youth and experience in a squad with potential to do well this season. Success of course would ensure the Saints of a place in the Premier League and hopefully in a new multi-purpose sports stadium which has been proposed.

Southampton Football Club was created in November 1885 as Southampton St Mary's,

with the church's curate elected as president, and largely formed by the players from the Deanery FC, originally established by a group of school-teachers in 1880. They were then playing at the Antelope Ground, now the site of Southampton's County Bowling Club. The club turned professional in 1894 and joined the Southern League. They soon became a limited company, thereby relinquishing their church origins although the nickname "Saints" has persisted to this day.

Under the guidance of George Thomas, Southampton moved to The Dell in 1889 in a deal which cost Thomas £10,000. They have remained there ever since, establishing a reputation as one of the most friendly and admired clubs in the south.

The club have had limited success during their long history. They were Division Three Champions in 1959-60, Division Three (South) Champions in 1921-22 and FA Cup Winners in 1976. Mr Branfoot is the club's seventh post-war manager following in a list which includes such names as former Town favourite Chris Nicholl and England number two Lawrie McMenemy.

Saints On Parade

TIM FLOWERS (goalkeeper) – Tim began his league career with Wolves and, after winning league youth honours, he was capped at under-21 level. He enjoyed two full seasons in Wolves' first team before signing for Southampton in a £75,000 deal in 1986. After an initial loan spell at Swindon, he won a regular place in 1989.

MICKY ADAMS (defender) – Sheffield-born Micky made his league debut for Gillingham in 1980. After gaining England youth caps while at Priestfield, he was transferred to Coventry for £75,000 in 1983. Leeds paid £110,000 for him three years later and he moved on to Southampton in 1989.

JASON DODD (defender) – Jason joined the club as a trainee and he made his senior debut, as substitute, against York City in the Littlewoods Cup in 1989. He quickly established himself in the first team, gaining England under-21 honours.

ALEXEI CHEREDNIK (defender) – Alexei became the first Soviet player to play in the English First Division when he made his debut for the Saints, as substitute, at Liverpool in March 1989. He signed for Southampton from Dnpr for £300,000 and is a Soviet international.

RICHARD HALL (defender) – Richard was only 18 when he signed for the Saints in a £200,000 move from Scunthorpe in February 1991, after being a regular in their first team. Scored in Southampton's opening league game against Tottenham.

NEIL RUDDOCK (defender) – Neil was signed from Millwall in 1989 and within weeks was in the England under-21 side. He left Millwall for Tottenham in 1986 but, after making only nine league appearances for Spurs, returned to Millwall for £350,000 two years later. Oddly, he made only two appearances for the Lions before moving to The Dell for £250,000 a few weeks later.

JON GITTENS (defender) – Moseley-born Jon returned for his second spell at The Dell last season after spending three full seasons at Swindon. He made his league debut for the Saints in a 2-0 defeat at Birmingham City in 1986. He joined Swindon in 1987 before re-signing for Southampton in a £1 million deal towards the end of last season.

ALAN McLOUGHLIN (midfield) – Another ex-Swindon player, Alan also joined Southampton in a £1 million deal last season. He started his career at Manchester United but, after failing to gain a first team spot, joined Swindon in 1986. The following season he was transferred to Torquay but returned to the County Ground a year later. Alan is an Ireland international who played in the 1990 World Cup finals.

GLENN COCKERILL (midfield) – Glenn started his career with Lincoln, making his debut in 1977. Three seasons later he joined Swindon for £110,000 before returning to Lincoln in 1981. He topped the scoring lists at Sincil Bank in his first season back with 11 League goals. In 1984 he was transferred to Sheffield United but then joined Southampton for £225,000 in 1985.

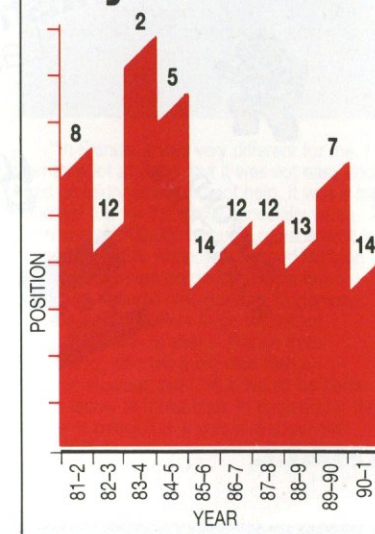
BARRY HORNE (midfield) – Welsh international Barry was introduced to league soccer by Wrexham in 1984. He scarcely missed a game for three years before moving to Portsmouth in 1987. Now an established First Division player, Southampton paid a club record £700,000 to sign him in 1989.



MATTHEW LE TISSIER (midfield/forward) – Channel Islander Le Tissier burst onto the First Division scene five seasons ago, scoring 10 goals. Last season he was again the Saints' top-scorer with 19 league goals. An England B international, Matthew will be looking for a run in the full England side this season.

ALAN SHEARER (forward) – Alan was signed from apprentice in 1988 and scored a hat-trick on his full league debut against Arsenal that same season. He found it difficult to live up to the high expectations placed on him after such a fine start, but eventually gained a regular first team spot last season.

10 year record



PAUL RIDEOUT (forward) – Yet another ex-Swindon player, Paul twice finished top-scorer at the County Ground before joining Aston Villa in 1983. With Villa, he won six England under-21 caps and was the club's leading marksman with 15 goals in 1984/85. At the end of that season he joined Italian club Bari before joining the Saints in 1988.



IAIN DOWIE (forward) – Northern Ireland international, Iain made his break in league football here at Kenilworth Road in 1989 following his transfer from non-league Hendon Town. He spent two full seasons at Kenilworth Road before joining West Ham last spring for £480,000. After helping the Hammers to promotion, he signed for Southampton for £500,000 last week.

DAVID LEE (forward) – Signed from Bury in a £350,000 deal last week, David joined his only league club from school in 1984. He made his breakthrough to the first team in 1986 and remained a permanent fixture in the Shakers' side until his transfer to the Saints.

The Last Time We Met...

January 12, 1991 (Division One)

LUTON TOWN 3 SOUTHAMPTON 4

Attendance: 9,021

Referee: R Lewis (Great Bookham)

LUTON: Chamberlain, James, Harvey, Pembroke (Williams), McDonough, Dreyer, Elstrup, Preece, Farrell, Beaumont (Dowie), Black.

SOUTHAMPTON: Flowers, Cherednik, Adams, Cockerill, Ruddock, Moore (Davis), Le Tissier, Horne, Shearer, McLoughlin, Wallace.

An open and entertaining game saw the Town lose in another high scoring encounter with our south coast opponents. Goals from Julian James, his first of the season, John Dreyer and Lars Elstrup were not enough as the Saints forward partnership of Wallace and Le Tissier netted two goals each. The result saw the Town drop to 15th position in the table with Southampton climbing from 15th to 13th spot.

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Player profile

Brian Stein

The big broad smile told its own story on August 17 after Brian Stein, now 33, had completed his Luton Town return by performing for the full 90 minutes at Upton Park. Since then he has put another four appearances behind him and shown he retains the ability and the fitness to perform at First Division level and play with great heart. "It has been a really nice feeling to come back," admitted Brian, who spent the last three years since scoring the last-minute winner in the 1988 Littlewoods Cup final, in France with Caen and Annecy. "But it has been a tough opening run. When I first saw the opening five games or so in our programme I could hardly believe it. We've had four away and only one at home and also played both Liverpool and Arsenal.

"I thought it must be a joke or that someone was trying to get rid of us! I just couldn't believe it. And, sure, it has been difficult and our results have been disappointing. But we know we have got to keep on going. The best thing that ever happened to me and to the club and the town was the day we won that Littlewoods Cup and we won that after getting promoted and fighting to stay up.

"It was a real surprise when the club released me after that and I still don't know why they did exactly. For me, personally, it was a good move to be given a free and to go to France, but I am not so sure it was good for the team. I think too many experienced players went at the wrong time. The club made some money, but you need experienced players to help the younger ones coming on.

BRIAN STEIN FACT FILE

Born: Cape Town, South Africa, 19-10-57
Joined Luton: October, 1977.
FL debut: C. Palace v Luton (3-3), 26-12-77
Luton Town league career (to July, 1991):
378 (10) lge apps, 127 goals. Total 441 (10) apps, 148 goals.
International honours: England, England under-21.



"In France, it was very different for me. I learned a lot at Caen, but it was not easy and I had an injury which did not help. It was a big upheaval too for the family especially when Caen spent £800,000 to buy a replacement for me and I went to Annecy, a Second Division club, on the Swiss borders. It was a lovely place and I scored nine goals in 19 games.

"Then I had offers to go to Greece, Holland and one to stay in France from Strasbourg, who are a big club with a fantastic stadium, but I felt it would be better for the family to move back to England for the children's education. It was just about the time Mr Pleat was re-appointed and I had stayed in touch with the club so they got in touch. I came for a week to prove my fitness and then signed a contract.

"If I am honest, I have to say the

standards are not so good now as when I left, right through the league I mean. Liverpool, for example, and Arsenal are not so good. Everyone plays power football now and, in my opinion, the football is not so good. For us, it is difficult. When you don't score, you get nervous and don't want to concede a goal and you stay back - it is a vicious circle. All you have to do is work harder and really enjoy it. I think I am stronger than ever now. Remember, I was a late starter and I used to have nightmares at first about pre-season training until I was about 25. Not any more though. Now I am looking forward to everything."



Autograph

Brian Stein



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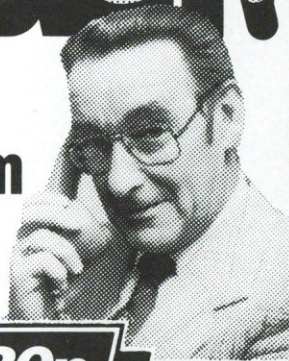
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The European Viewpoint

By Timothy Collings

Trevor Steven's recent record-breaking move to join Chris Waddle at Marseille, David Platt's transfer to Bari and Paul Gascoigne's impending switch from Tottenham to Lazio all prove one thing – that British football is going to become more and more involved in the European game in the 1990's as free marketing takes hold and a truly super European Super-League begins to emerge.

It will be the same for everyone. The big clubs will be looking for new stars, the cheque-books will be waved and the most talented players throughout the Common Market will be drawn, like moths to a light-bulb, to the biggest clubs with the heaviest backing from commercial interests.

Already the European transfer market has become very big business involving some of the biggest international companies. PSV Eindhoven in the Netherlands, for example, are backed by the Philips electrical empire, Juventus, in Italy, by the might of Fiat, AC Milan by Italian media magnate and industrialist Silvio Berlusconi and Olympique Marseille by Bernard Tapie.

As a result, the fees have risen with the level of competition. A look at the fees paid shows that. Marseille paid £5 million to take Trevor Steven from Glasgow Rangers to the south of France and Bari, down in the foot of Italy where life is slow and hot, paid £5.5 million for Platt, the former Aston Villa star who had performed so well in Italy during the 1990 World Cup finals.

Neither of these two was the biggest transfer fee of the close-season, however, as the top price of the summer was paid by AS Roma in securing the services of German midfielder Thomas Hassler for £5.8 million. Indeed, £5 million was almost a commonplace transfer fee this year as another German star, Jurgen Kohler moved from Bayern Munich to Juventus and Lazio added to their spending on Gascoigne by agreeing a fee of £5 million for Hamburg's Thomas Doll. Another club parting with £5 million for a player was Paris Saint Germain, now back under the control of Portuguese coach Artur Jorge, who led Porto to their Champions Cup triumph in 1987. They paid that sum to buy Brazilian central defender Ricardo Gomes and his midfield colleague Valdo from Benfica.

All in all this leaves, Liverpool's outlays on Mark Wright, Dean Saunders and Mark Walters looking more routine than exceptional in European terms as the Merseyside club returns to Europe in the UEFA Cup this month (September) with an easy-looking opening round tie against Kuusysi Lahti. It will be interesting to see how strong Liverpool – and Arsenal – are on the European stage this season, following Manchester United's exceptional performance, aided by Les Sealey and Mal Donaghy, in winning the European Cup Winners' Cup last season. Perhaps United's bright start to the new season here proves something too.

Certainly, in the European Champions' Cup, it could be that a late change of heart by the Spanish Football Federation could assist their clubs in challenging more strongly for the top honours in the game. For, after years of resistance, the federation has given way to the demands of the top clubs to permit the registration of four foreigners per club, doubling the limit at which the Spanish clubs have been held for the last decade. This will certainly assist Johan Cruyff's Barcelona in the Champions' Cup, Atletico Madrid in the Cup Winners' Cup and Real Madrid (guided of course by our former hero Radomir Antic now, as coach), Sporting Gijon, Oviedo and Osasuna in the UEFA Cup.

For many of us, Antic's fortunes with Real Madrid will be of great interest this season and it can be assumed that the telephone lines between Kenilworth Road and the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid will often be alive with football gossip and transfer chatter between two old friends. Antic, a wandering Yugoslav with ability in several languages, is a true European and in many ways a man ahead of his time, having left Eastern Europe to travel through the football markets of the west long before the latest revolutions within the old Eastern Bloc.

In his squad, he will enjoy the presence this season in Madrid of several great players, not least his fellow-Yugoslav midfielder Robert Prosinecki who is widely regarded as the Continent's most gifted play-maker and an almost certain star at next summer's European Championship finals in Sweden. Alongside him, he can field the Roumanian Gheorghe Hagi, who earlier in his career was described as the George Best of the East. It should make for an interesting season in Castille for Antic as he seeks to prove he deserved to replace John Toshack, Alfredo di Stefano and the rest.



Raddy Antic in his Luton days

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CHAMPIONS' CUP

The draw for the Champions' Cup, First Round.

Anderlecht v Grasshoppers (Swz)

Arsenal v F.K. Austria

Barcelona v Hansa Rostock (ex - East Germany)

Besiktas (Turkey) v PSV Eindhoven

Brondby (Den) v Zaglebie Lubin (Pol)

Fram Reykjavik v Panathinaikos

Hamrun Spartans (Malta) v Benfica

Honved v Dundalk

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Kaiserlautern v Etar Tirnovo

Kiev Dynamo v HJK Helsinki

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Sampdoria v Rosenbourg Trondheim

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Action replay

from Highfield Road



Brian Stein (top) and Sean Farrell (below) in action during our defeat at Coventry on August 21.

Looking back

By Roger Wash

Cricket Score Games Always Drew The Cameras



Newly promoted from Division Two, the Town became the team everyone wanted to watch in 1982/83 - but not always for the right reasons.

The television companies clamoured to cover Luton games because after only 15 matches the Town had scored 30 goals but had conceded 32. As manager David Pleat said "We are on route to score a hundred - the trouble is there might be 150 against"

The visit of Southampton to Kenilworth Road on 27th November 1982 attracted the BBC's "Match of the Day" cameras and surprisingly the second lowest home gate of the season reflecting that the fans probably wanted a couple of 1-0 wins rather than 4-4 draws.

The match started off in bright sunlight and the Town missed a couple of early chances before the Saints took the lead in the 26th minute when the speed of Danny Wallace took him past Kirk Stephens and Ricky Hill before smashing a terrific shot past Jake Findlay in the Luton goal.

Worse was still to come however as Southampton increased their lead just before half-time when Keith Cassells took advantage of a melee in the box to hammer the ball into the roof of the net.

The second half started with the Town on all out attack which left the defence shakier than normal, something which Southampton fully exploited with David Armstrong missing two good opportunities.

The Town then got a breakthrough when Chris Nicholl handled a Ricky Hill cross but David Moss hit the resultant penalty against the bar. Luton full-back Kirk Stephens volleyed home the rebound but the referee disallowed the effort as Moss was adjudged to be in an offside position.

The miss proved to be the spur the Town needed as they roared into attack and levelled the scores in the space of six minutes midway through the half.

As thick fog came down, Hill ran at the defence and hit a beautiful low shot past Peter Shilton quickly followed by a flowing move involving six Luton players ending with Brian Stein meeting a cross from Moss with a superb header.

The drama was not yet over, however, as with five minutes to go Southampton appeared to have earned the points when Armstrong hit a 25 yard shot into the net much to the dismay of the Town fans.

LUTON - FINDLAY, STEPHENS, MONEY (ANTIC), GOODYEAR, DONAGHY, HORTON, HILL, TURNER, WALSH, STEIN, MOSS.

SOUTHAMPTON - SHILTON, AGBOOLA, NICHOLL, WRIGHT, MILLS, WILLIAMS, ARMSTRONG, ROFE, MORAN, CASSELLS, WALLACE.

Ricky Hill in later action on the plastic at QPR

The Town would not give up though and with the seconds ticking away, a shot from Paul Walsh rebounded off Shilton leaving Clive Goodyear to toe poke in the equaliser for his first goal in Division One.

Those lucky enough to have attended all the Town's games at that stage of the season had seen an average of four goals a match. No wonder we were so popular with the T.V. companies and oh what a joy to have a video recorder.

IT HAPPENED FIVE YEARS AGO:-

3/9/86 — A dismal 2-1 defeat at Aston Villa with Brian Stein's goal the only consolation.

IT HAPPENED TEN YEARS AGO:-

5/9/81 — Goals from Brian Stein and Mark Aizlewood secured a 2-1 victory at Bolton to give the Town a three match winning start to the season.

IT HAPPENED FIFTEEN YEARS AGO:-

4/9/76 — As he always did in matches against the Town, Terry Curran led the Luton defence a merry dance and scored the penalty which enabled his Forest side to return home with a point.

IT HAPPENED TWENTY YEARS AGO:-

4/9/71 — The Town, now in the middle of a run of five draws in a row, shared the spoils in a 0-0 stalemate at Orient watched by a bored crowd of 8,703.

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OLDHAM ATHLETIC



Saturday, September 14, 1991

Kick-off 3 pm

Second Division champions last season, after a titanic struggle with rivals West Ham United, Oldham Athletic are the next visitors to Kenilworth Road on September 14.

Under the guidance of former Everton and England international centre-forward Joe Royle, the Latics have shown in recent seasons that they are more than capable of adjusting to life in the top flight.

Whilst still in Division Two, they reached the Littlewoods Cup final in 1990, losing to a very strong Nottingham Forest side 1-0. They also narrowly missed out on an FA Cup final appearance in the same year, losing this time to Manchester United in a semi-final, 2-1, after the game had gone to a replay.

Mr Royle's pre-season signings all have valuable First Division experience. Ex-Everton stalwart Graeme Sharp was signed for £1 million in July and was followed in quick succession by teammate and former Oldham captain Mike Milligan. To stabilise a defence left weakened by the departure of centre-back Paul Broadhurst to Sheffield Wednesday, Mr Royle also gained the services of Coventry captain Brian Kilcline.

Oldham have started the season reasonably well. They opened their campaign at Anfield and despite scoring first, they eventually lost 2-1. Their bright start was followed up with an

impressive 3-0 victory at home to a very ordinary Chelsea side. At the time of writing, the Latics are placed 7th in Division One after a 2-2 draw at home to Norwich, Marshall and Barrett scoring Oldham's goals.

Come to Kenilworth Road on September 14 to see the first-ever encounter in the First Division between the Town and Oldham Athletic, a fixture which we hope will bring three valuable points as we climb the league table.

Marvin Goes Back to School



Marvin Johnson, on a recent visit to Stevenage, presented the pupils of the John Henry Newman School with a new soccer kit, kindly donated by Bryant Homes. We hope the boys enjoy the strip and their football this season.

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The dress requirements are collar and tie. Number of members is 44.

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Matthew Jackson made his senior debut (above) as a substitute at Arsenal. Sean Farrell (below) is also pictured in action at Highbury.



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Guest spot

By Andrew Bramwell

Gazing into my crystal ball....

So, here we are, back for our 10th successive season in the top flight and already enjoying the most successful era in the club's history. Five seasons in the late 1950's plus the 1974-75 season have been the only occasions in the past when we have rubbed shoulders with aristocracy of the game on a regular basis.

However, if history is to be relied on, we can make several predictions already about the new season. Firstly, the lads may struggle to avoid relegation and succeed by winning on the final day - this has happened four times in nine years, including the last three seasons in succession. Unfortunately, this term, Derby will not be around as in 1990 and 1991.

And would anyone like to make any predictions about our visits to the big clubs? Like Arsenal and Manchester

United? Well, our record since promotion is P 18 W 0 D 0 L 18...so last week's defeat at Highbury was at least consistent with previous results. At Old Trafford, incidentally, we are on an upward trend, having scored on our last two visits after seven previous games without finding the net.

As to most of the other Division One teams, we have enjoyed victories away from home in the last decade or so, with three wins at Everton, including the Simod Cup, and further triumphs at Tottenham, West Ham, Aston Villa, Southampton, Nottingham Forest, Manchester City and QPR. We have also managed three score-draws at Anfield against Liverpool. So, what makes Highbury and Old Trafford so tough? Answers on a postcard, please.

This year, we drew at West Ham on the opening day. I could have told you that would happen. In nine starts previously, we have won only once on the opening day. This was in 1984-85 against Stoke City. A dubious achievement too, as the Potters that year lost a total of 31 games out of 42, a First Division record.

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At the start of 1981-82, we did manage to win...but this was in the Second Division and we went on to run away with the championship. Since then, however, it has been a sorry story with just the win over Stoke and draws against Spurs, Forest, Leicester and Crystal Palace to balance against defeats by Arsenal, Derby, Sheffield Wednesday and Tottenham.

Clearly, life is tough at the top, even after nine years of it. Just look at our away form. This must improve. Ten wins in four years speaks for itself, I think. But remember, back in 1982-83, when the season ended with Manchester City going down after that dramatic afternoon at Maine Road, we managed to pull off five First Division wins and the following season a grand total of seven. The time has surely come for a return to those good old days.

Keeping track - your day-by-day football diary

August 8 - Scottish Premier League side Falkirk sign Brian Rice from Nottingham Forest in a £65,000 deal. They also re-sign winger Kevin McAllister from Chelsea for £225,000.

August 9 - Liverpool sign Glasgow Rangers and England forward Mark Walters from Rangers for £1.5 million. Formerly with Aston Villa, for whom he made a sensational start to his league career, Walters is tipped to secure a regular place in the national team following his transfer.... Derby County sign Simon Coleman from Middlesbrough in a £300,000 transfer deal.... The Town go down 4-0 to Cambridge United in a pre-season friendly in the university city.

August 10 - Prolific Hartlepool striker Joe Allon signs for Chelsea for £250,000. He quickly goes on to prove his ability and potential with a bright start for the Blues, following on where he left off

last year after hitting 35 goals for Hartlepool. "I have done it in the lower leagues and I think I have the confidence and ability to have a right bash at it," he said of his switch to the glamorous London club from the north-east.... Abroad, in Yugoslavia, the national domestic league is plunged into crisis by the civil war which has torn the country apart. Mounting violence between the Croats and the Serbs was having a devastating effect on all sport, not just soccer, and the opening day of the league season was postponed. All 25 Croatian teams in the top three divisions of the Yugoslav league, including Hadjuk Split, signed a declaration withdrawing from the league "in the interests of spectator safety."

August 11 - Charlton sign out-of-favour Crystal Palace forward Garry Thompson for £100,000 along with Brighton defender Steve Gattling.... Peter Beardsley scores on his Everton debut

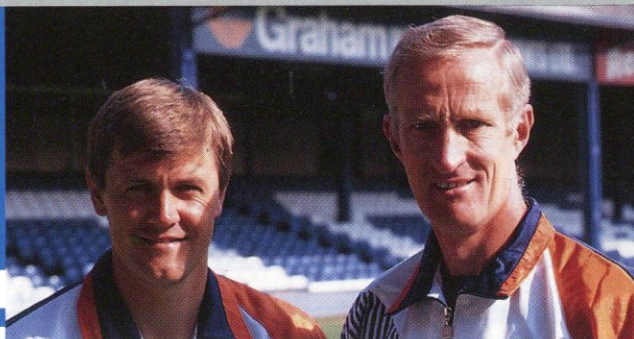
against Gornik in a 3-0 victory which sets Goodison Park alight with dreams of a championship challenge this season.

August 12 - Sheffield Wednesday re-open the Leppings Lane end of their Hillsborough Stadium. The Leppings Lane section is now known as the West Stand. It is fully seated.... In a pre-season friendly at Peterborough United, the Town draw 1-1 with a goal from Mark Pembridge.

August 13 - Crystal Palace postpone their opening League match against Leeds United due to ground improvements being incomplete on the eve of the season.... New Exeter boss Alan Ball signs former Southampton striker Steve Moran from Reading on a free transfer. He also has talks with former Hatter Steve Williams after he is not offered a contract at Southampton following his close-season move from Kenilworth Road.

Reserves and youth

By Terry Westley and John Moore



Neville Ovenden Football Combination 1991/92

Date	Opponents	Results
Tues 20 Aug	Charlton Athletic	2-1
Wed 28 Aug	Ipswich Town	0-3
Mon 2 Sept	Arsenal	0-1
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	
Tues 10 Dec	Reading	
Mon 16 Dec	Fulham	
Mon 6 Jan	Ipswich Town	
Tues 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	
Tues 25 Feb	Queens Park Rangers	
Mon 2 Mar	Crystal Palace	
Tue 10 Mar	Watford	
Mon 16 Mar	Southampton	
Mon 23 Mar	Reading	
Tues 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.

NEVILLE OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	3	2	0	1	7	3	6
Fulham	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Southampton	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
Chelsea	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Oxford United	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Wimbledon	2	1	1	0	6	5	4
Norwich City	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
Millwall	2	1	0	1	5	2	3
Tottenham Hotspur	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
Brighton & Hove Albion	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
Luton Town	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Swindon Town	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Ipswich Town	1	0	1	0	4	4	1
Millwall	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
Crystal Palace	2	0	1	1	2	6	1
Charlton Athletic	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Q.P.R.	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Watford	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Portsmouth	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
West Ham United	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
Reading	2	0	0	2	1	7	0

up to 27.8.91

RESERVES - APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

Football Combination	App	Goals	Football Combination	App	Goals
ALLPRESS	2	-	NOGAN	2	1
CAMPBELL	2	-	NORTH	1	1
GILLARD	2	-	PETTERSON	1	-
GORMLEY	-(1)	-	REES	2	-
FARRELL	1	-	SALTON	1	-
HARVEY	1	-	SOMMER	1	-
HOLSGROVE	1	-	TELFER	2	-
JACKSON	2	-	TIGHE	-(1)	-
JAMES	1	-	WILLIAMS	-(2)	-

Coach's comment: After the setback of an early goal against, we settled, came back to equalise and looked the team most likely to take the lead. But a crazy five minutes before half-time saw us concede another couple of goals. In the second half, we gave away another goal from a bad back-pass which put the game beyond us. again we came back strongly, but the damage had been done long before.

Competition: Neville Ovenden Football Combination

Result: 2-1

Scorers: Nogan, North.

Team: Petterson, Jackson, Gillard, Telfer, Allpress, Salton, Rees, Nogan, North, Holsgrove, Campbell. Subs: Williams, Gormley.

Coach's Comment: A good performance, but it was a pity we did not convert our superiority into goals. The only criticism of the team was the number of chances missed. The defending, build-up and approach play was good.

Match Digest

Fixture: Stevenage Borough

Venue: Stevenage Stadium
Date: 10th August, 1991

Competition: Pre-season friendly

Result: 2-4 Half-time (1-3)

Scorer: North 2

Team: Sommer, James, Gillard, Telfer, Salton, Jackson, Warden, Williams, North, Holsgrove, Fitzpatrick. Subs: Nogan, Tighe, Campbell.

Fixture: Charlton Athletic

Venue: Charlton
Date: 20.8.91

Match Digest

Fixture: Bristol City

Venue: Luton Town training ground
Date: August 17th, 1991

Competition: South East Counties League

Result: 3-0

Scorers: Rogers 2, Hartson

Team: Hancock, Holtam, Brittain, Green, Philp, Smith, Rogers, Ryan, Elliott, Newman, Hartson. Subs: Skelton, Sutton.

Coach's comment: A good start to the season. The effort from all the players was very good. We scored our first goal in the opening five minutes which set the game up for us and now we just need to show more quality throughout the team.

Fixture: Maidstone

Venue: Maidstone
Date: August 24, 1991

Competition: South East Counties League

Result: 0-7 Half-time: 0-3

Scorers:-

Team: Hancock, Green, Philp, Holtam, Brittain, Rogers, Ryan, Sutton, Hartson, Newman, Elliott. Subs: Smith, Skelton.

Coach's Comment: The team's decision-making was very poor with far too many human errors affecting the performance. We could not cope with the Maidstone long ball and appeared weak and played without much fire.

South East Counties League 1991-92

Date	Opponents	Results
Sat 17 Aug	Bristol City	3-0
Sat 24 Aug	Maidstone United	0-7
Sat 31 Aug	Swindon Town	1-2
Sat 7 Sept	Bournemouth	
Tues 10 Sept	Norwich City (SJFC)	
Sat 14 Sept	Aldershot	
Sat 21 Sept	Byes: Brighton & Hove Albion and Luton	
Sat 28 Sept	SECLC 1 - bye	
Sat 5 Oct	Oxford United	
Sat 12 Oct	Brentford	
Sat 19 Oct	Crystal Palace	
Sat 26 Oct	Tottenham Hotspur	
Sat 2 Nov	S/Hampton or Bristol City	
Sat 9 Nov	SECLC 2	
Sat 16 Nov	Reading	
Sat 23 Nov	FAYC 1	
Sat 30 Nov	Bristol Rovers	
Sat 7 Dec	Southampton	
Sat 14 Dec	SECLC 3	
Sat 21 Dec	Wimbledon	
Sat 28 Dec	Brighton & Hove Albion	
Sat 4 Jan	Bristol City	
Sat 11 Jan	Maidstone United	
Sat 18 Jan	Swindon Town	
Sat 25 Jan	Bournemouth	
Sat 1 Feb	Aldershot	
Sat 8 Feb	Oxford United	
Sat 15 Feb	Brentford	
Sat 22 Feb	Crystal Palace	
Sat 29 Feb	Tottenham Hotspur	
Sat 14 Mar	Reading	
Sat 21 Mar	Bristol Rovers	
Sat 28 Mar	Southampton	
	Wimbledon	

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIVISION 2

SEASON 1990-91

	P	W	D	L	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

YOUTH TEAM - APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

	S.E.C.L		S.J.F.C.		S.E.C.LC		F.A. YTH CUP	
	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls
BRITTAIN	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ELLIOTT	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GREEN	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HANCOCK	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HARTSON	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
HOLTAM	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEWMAN	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PHILP	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ROGERS	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
RYAN	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SKELTON	-(2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SMITH	1(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUTTON	1(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Facts and fixtures



BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

30th August 1991

Home										Away									
P	W	D	L	F	A					W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts			
5	2	1	0	4	1	—	1.	Manchester United	.....	1	1	0	1	0	+4	11			
5	3	0	0	6	2	—	2.	Liverpool	.....	0	1	1	1	2	+3	10			
5	2	0	0	5	3	—	3.	Manchester City	.....	1	1	1	2	2	+2	10			
5	2	0	1	6	5	—	4.	Nottm. Forest	.....	1	0	1	4	1	+4	9			
4	0	0	1	1	3	—	5.	Tottenham Hotspur	.....	3	0	0	7	3	+2	9			
4	1	1	0	2	1	—	6.	Leeds United	.....	1	1	0	5	1	+5	8			
5	1	2	0	8	5	—	7.	Chelsea	.....	1	0	1	3	4	+2	8			
5	2	0	2	8	3	—	8.	Coventry City	.....	0	1	0	1	1	+5	7			
4	2	0	1	8	5	—	9.	Sheffield Wednesday	.....	0	1	0	1	1	+3	7			
4	1	0	0	2	0	—	10.	Wimbledon	.....	1	1	1	5	5	+2	7			
5	1	0	1	3	2	—	11.	Aston Villa	.....	1	1	1	5	6	0	7			
5	2	1	0	5	2	—	12.	Arsenal	.....	0	0	2	2	6	-1	7			
5	1	0	1	1	4	—	13.	Notts County	.....	1	1	1	4	4	-3	7			
3	2	0	0	5	3	—	14.	Crystal Palace	.....	0	0	1	2	3	+1	6			
5	0	2	1	2	3	—	15.	Norwich City	.....	1	1	0	4	2	+1	6			
5	1	1	1	3	3	—	16.	West Ham	.....	0	1	1	1	3	-2	5			
5	1	1	0	5	2	—	17.	Oldham Athletic	.....	0	0	3	2	6	-1	4			
5	1	1	0	3	1	—	18.	Everton	.....	0	0	3	3	7	-2	4			
5	0	1	2	3	8	—	19.	Southampton	.....	1	0	1	2	1	-4	4			
5	0	1	1	1	3	—	20.	Sheffield United	.....	0	1	2	4	7	-5	2			
5	0	1	1	1	3	—	21.	Q.P.R.	.....	0	1	2	2	6	-6	2			
5	0	1	0	0	0	—	22.	Luton Town	.....	0	1	3	1	11	-10	2			

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS 1991-92

	League		Rmblws Cup		FA Cup		ZD Cup	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
David Beaumont	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kingsley Black	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Alec Chamberlain	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
John Dreyer	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sean Farrell	3(1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Philip Gray	3(2)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Richard Harvey	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mathew Jackson	—(2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Darren McDonough	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kurt Nogan	—(1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trevor Peake	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mark Pembridge	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
David Preece	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Graham Rodger	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brian Stein	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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	0-0	11,132	19
Aug 27	Arsenal	0-2	25,898	22
Aug 31	Chelsea	1-4	17,457	22
Sept 4	Southampton			
Sept 7	Wimbledon			
Sept 14	Oldham Athletic			
Sept 17	Queens Park Rangers			
Sept 21	Manchester United			
Sept 25	Birmingham City (RLC2-1)			
Sept 28	Notts County			
Oct 5	Aston Villa			
Oct 8	Birmingham City (RLC2-2)			
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 SF1L			
Feb 15	Manchester City			
Feb 22	Sheffield United			
Feb 29	Leeds United			
Mar 4	RLC SF2L			
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
Chamberlain	Beaumont	Harvey	McDonough	Rodger	Dreyer	Gray	Preece	Stein	Pembridge	Black	Jackson	Farrell
Chamberlain	(Beaumont)	Dreyer	(McDonough)	Rodger	Peake	Gray	Preece	Stein	Pembridge	Black	[Jackson]	[Farrell]
Chamberlain	(Beaumont)	Dreyer	McDonough	Rodger	Peake	Gray	Preece	Stein	Pembridge	(Black)	[Jackson]	[Nogan]

THE RUMBELOWS FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

Second round draw

Charlton Athletic v Norwich City	Nottingham F. v Bolton Wanderers
Oldham Athletic v Torquay United	Bristol Rovers v Bristol City
Manchester City v Chester City	Coventry C. v Rochdale
Port Vale v Notts County	Middlesbrough v Bournemouth
Crewe Alexandra v Newcastle United	Portsmouth v Oxford Utd
Wolverhampton W v Shrewsbury T.	Hull City v QPR
Derby County v Ipswich Town	Millwall v Swindon T.
Wimbledon v Peterborough Utd.	Leyton Orient/Northampton v Sheffield Wednesday
Scarborough v Southampton	Chelsea v Tranmere
LUTON TOWN v BIRMINGHAM CITY	Everton v Watford
Sunderland v Huddersfield Town	Manchester Utd. v Cambridge Utd.
Wigan Athletic v Sheffield United	Leicester City v Arsenal
Hartlepool v Crystal Palace	Brentford v Brighton
Barnsley v Blackpool	Grimsby Town v Aston Villa
Swansea v Tottenham Hotspur	Bradford City v West Ham Utd
Liverpool v Stoke City	Scunthorpe Utd v Leeds Utd

These ties to be played over two legs, the first in the week of September 23 and the second in the week of October 7.

Division One leading goalscorers:

Lineker (Tottenham) 5, Smith (Arsenal), White (Man City), Bartlett (Notts County), Marshall (Oldham), Palmer (Shef Wed), Shearer (Southampton), Earle (Wimbledon), Fashanu (Wimbledon) 3, Durie (Tottenham) 2.

THE MAN IN CHARGE TONIGHT

Arthur W. Smith (Rubery, near Birmingham)

An engineer by occupation, Arthur is married and has one daughter. He began his refereeing career in local soccer and progressed via the Bromsgrove League to the full Football League officials' list in 1989. He lists swimming and cricket among his chief interest away from football.

TONIGHT'S OTHER TOP ACTION

Division One

Aston Villa v Crystal Palace
Manchester City v Nottingham Forest
Queen's Park Rangers v West Ham Utd

Division Two

Derby County v Blackburn Rovers
Leicester City v Grimsby Town
Millwall v Brighton
Newcastle v Plymouth
Oxford v Middlesbrough

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Business scene

By Wendy Gryzbowska



Put your money on the ball

Our club has many different facilities on match days for companies wishing to offer their clients top-class hospitality at an exciting sports event. One of these – and one of the most popular – is our match ball sponsorship package, which has in the past attracted individuals wishing to club together for the day or for the evening.

This season, we have decided to extend the ball sponsorship facility from catering for just two people to a party of four, thus giving more individuals the opportunity to make the most of the experience of this special package.

I know from the number of satisfied customers in previous seasons that the idea is sure to go down well with everyone involved and we do hope many more people will now

take advantage of the opportunity to share in a ball sponsorship for one of our top matches.

The ball sponsorship package consists of:

- * one reserved car parking bay
- * four passes to the Kenilworth Suite which hosts a complimentary bar and a finger buffet
- * four tickets for the Directors' Balcony in the Main Stand
- * a special presentation of the match ball, autographed by the team, by one of our first team players after the match
- * a souvenir photograph of his presentation
- * publicity in the club programme and via the public address system

* The all-in cost is £350 plus VAT which must rate as extremely good value at a very competitive price and one which is attractive to not only companies but groups of individuals and friends who wish to club together for a special occasion.

The ball sponsorship package is also an effective way of supporting the club as shown by many of our loyal sponsors down the years. For the match against Liverpool on August 24, the match ball was sponsored by R.W. Harvey & Son and, as you can see from the picture below, Richard Harvey and his mother really enjoyed their chance to meet up with Brian Stein when he presented them with the match ball after the game.



Brian Stein presents Richard Harvey and his mother with an autographed football to mark their sponsorship after the Liverpool match



The Mayor of Luton Councillor M. B. Guha performed the official opening of the New Stand and other facilities on August 23. He is pictured with Luton Town managing-director David Kohler.

Gatorade Sports Beverage is the Official Sports Drink of Luton Town F.C.



Brian Stein is honoured by Norwegian Fans



Thomas Moller of Luton town Supporters Club (Norway branch) makes a special presentation to Brian Stein to commemorate his being made an honorary member of the Club.

LUTON TOWN HOTLINE

Match Tickets, Match inquiries, Membership:

Cherry Newbery, Ticket Office Manager
(0582) 411622/30748

Credit Card Hotline – 0582 30748 72 hours prior to match

Ticket Office Hours – 10.00 am – 4.00 pm weekdays and 9.00 am – 12.00 noon on non match Saturdays

Advertising and Match Sponsorship

Wendy Gryzbowska, Commercial Manager
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Umbro Sportswear/Souvenirs & Junior Hatters

Bev Tyler, Retail Manager
Tel (0582) 411622

Conference & Banqueting Facilities

Peter Saul, Catering Manager
Tel (0582) 411622

Promotions and Lotteries

John Gornall, Development Executive
Tel (0582) 411622

News and Information Soccerline

Tel 0839 664466 (48p per min peak/36p off-peak)

Club Office Hours

are 8.45 am to 5.00 pm on Mon to Fri and 8.45 am to 12 noon on non-match Saturdays.

Team check

VOUCHER NUMBER 2



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Official ball sponsors

2 LUTON TOWN

Team Manager:
David Pleat

White/blue shirts, blue shorts.

Alec Chamberlain
~~JACKSON~~ David Beaumont
1 HARVEY John Dreyer
Darron McDonough
~~DREYER~~ Graham Rodger
Trevor Peake
1 GRAY Kurt Nogan
David Preece
~~GLOVER~~ Brian Stein
Mark Pembridge
STEIN Sean Farrell

SOUTHAMPTON

Team Manager:
Ian Branfoot

Red/White Shirts, white shorts.

1 Tim Flowers
2 Jason Dodd
3 Russell Osman
4 Barry Horne
5 Richard Hall
6 Neil Ruddock
7 Matthew Le Tissier
8 Glen Cockerill
9 Alan Shearer
10 Paul Rideout
11 Micky Adams
12
14

The Men in Charge

Referee - A. W. Smith (Birmingham)

Linesmen: M. A. Hair (Red trim)

F. G. Stretton (Yellow trim).

GREAT AT TAKING CORNERS



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