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Rumbelows Football League Cup, 2nd Round, 1st Leg.

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# David Pleat



We have a chance to break away from our tough First Division fixtures tonight with a Rumbelows Cup tie against Birmingham City who we warmly welcome. Make no mistake, I know that it will be as tough a task as any Division One fixture because a cup-tie always brings out the drive and ambition in a player who seeks an opportunity of getting to Wembley.

The great Birmingham City tradition will be regenerated by Terry Cooper and I am sure that 'Keep right on to the end of the road' will be sung around St. Andrews again. Birmingham is a club with a great tradition that has found the modern game and the need for clever trading such a handicap that they lost their Division One status. It is a difficult equation as we all know trying to balance the books while putting a team on the field which is good enough to compete successfully in the top league.

The Rumbelows Cup - It all began with the Football League Cup which progressed into the Milk Cup, then the Littlewoods Cup, of which we were proud winners. Now we trust that Rumbelows will find they receive

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enough backing and coverage to feel their support for the competition is worth the effort. I always feel that sponsorships need to be long-lasting relationships and to produce a perpetual theme. I know that is difficult, but you only have to think of the example of Sharp and Manchester United to see what they have gained from a consistent association. That surely is a sponsors' aim.

I have appreciated the support in the last two home matches. Against a tidy Oldham side, we kept going with good determination and finally succeeded with a well built-up goal by Michael Harford and then his fairy-tale volley to shade the game. Against QPR, a side who were as effective as any we have played this season, we did not show enough guile and subtlety when chasing the game to deserve points.



David Preece is pictured taking on Oldham's Mike Milligan during our recent victory over Oldham Athletic

QPR defended their lead with a solid group of defenders and our direct route attempts to prise an opening fell way short.

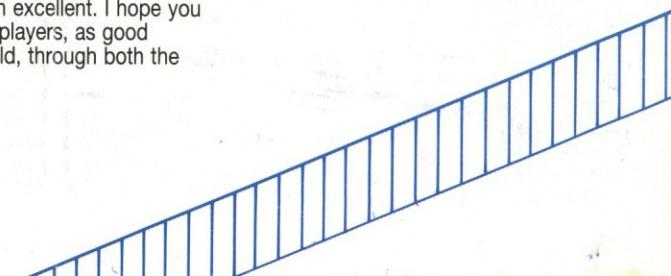
We have to succeed by playing thoughtful football, passing the ball quickly, but with width to try and drag opponents from their defensive areas. On the day, I felt our attempts were too predictable and, while I cannot fault the players for effort, I feel we must learn from these setbacks and take the lessons to heart.

I was delighted that our young youth group with seven first-year boys

confounded the odds and won splendidly at Norwich in a Southern Junior Floodlit Cup replay. Terry Westley, our new youth coach, has settled in and will maximise his efforts in helping them to play as a successful group. It is so important if we are not to break transfer records to acquire our top performers that we develop a flow of young players.

The progress of Paul Telfer, Kurt Nogan, Mark Pembridge and Matthew Jackson has proved that there are always opportunities at our club for young players who listen and learn and who have the ability.

Enjoy tonight's match. It will not be easy. No game is, and we have to understand that to appreciate the pleasures of winning, and to acknowledge the disappointment of losing. Birmingham will prove to be a more than stern test. Their record this season has been excellent. I hope you will support the players, as good supporters should, through both the highs and lows.



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# News Update

## Shirt Sponsors

□ It was announced last Friday that Universal Salvage Auctions (USA) will become the club's sponsors for the next two years. The logo USA was in evidence for the first time during our match at Old Trafford on Saturday which was watched by the season's best crowd of 46,491.

## Goals galore

□ Last weekend's First Division action was again well-peppered with goals. A total of 46 goals were scored in 11 matches, boasting England's claims as having one of the most exciting leagues in Europe. The highlights were Arsenal's 5-2 demolition of Sheffield United at Highbury, with the Gunners completing a fine goalscoring week after scoring six goals past Austria Vienna in the European Champions' Cup, first round, first leg. North London rivals Tottenham moved into third place in Division One, with two games in hand following a 5-3 victory against Wimbledon at Selhurst Park. England striker Gary Lineker scored four times, pushing his tally to 11 goals already this season. Peter Beardsley completed his first hat-trick for his new club Everton as the Toffees secured a 3-0 at home to Coventry, who were in fourth position before the start of play. The 'match of the day' was billed at Elland Road where second-placed Liverpool took on the team one place below them, Leeds United. A 25th minute strike by Steve Hodge, playing his first full game for Leeds, ensured victory and moved United into second place. Manchester United are still the unbeaten league leaders following their win against the Town at Old Trafford, in front of a 46,491 full-house at Old Trafford.

## Young Eagle of the Month

□ Notts County striker Tommy Johnson is the first 'Barclays Young Eagle' of the season, taking the award for August. The England Under-21 international, whose goals were instrumental in County's promotion to the First Division last season has quickly adapted to life in the top flight.

England manager Graham Taylor nominated Johnson following recommendations from his panel of regional judges. Regional awards go to the following players who each receive an inscribed silver salver:

North West	- Steve McManaman (Liverpool)
North East	- Lee Clark (Newcastle United)
Yorkshire	- Simon Charlton (Huddersfield United)
London & East Anglia	- Darren Pitcher (Charlton Athletic)
London & the South	- Alan Shearer (Southampton)

## Man of the Match

□ The local Rumbelows shop in the Arndale centre is offering to present an award to tonight's "Man of the Match". The winner will receive a Sony 21" colour teletext T.V. Rotherham defender Neil Richardson has good reason to thank Rumbelows for their sponsorship of the League Cup competition. He was named Man of the Match against Grimsby Town in the last round, winning a Sony T.V. He was also named Man of the Match at the same stage last season winning another Sony T.V. And if he ever gets bored at home, he can always watch his third T.V., presented to him as a member of the United team involved in last season's highest scoring first round tie!

## Blues Welcome

□ Tonight we extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Birmingham City. It is the first time we have met since 1985-86 and we hope the match is played in true cup spirit.



Mick Harford crowned a glorious debut on his return to Kenilworth Road, scoring twice in the last five minutes to secure a 2-1 victory at home to Oldham Athletic

# Inside view

By Bill Tomlins



Captain Trevor Peake (above) is pictured with the new U.S.A. sponsors logo on his shirt, while Mick Harford is pictured right with U.S.A.'s director Jeff Williams (left) and club director Peter Collins.



## New club sponsors are a company with local and national connections

After a spell in which we have made arrangements for four home Barclays Division One fixtures, tonight we have the pleasure of a fifth home game, against Birmingham City in the Rumbelows Cup. This comes in a period of little more than three weeks, during which we have also had considerable transfer activity and the official announcement and launch last Friday of our new club sponsorship by Universal Salvage Auction Ltd (USA).

The announcement came at a media reception at the club and the new USA logo made its debut on our shirts in last Saturday's fixture at Old Trafford against league leaders Manchester United. We had representatives of Universal Salvage with us on the launch day, of course, to meet the local and national media and to help them understand why we have tied up this exciting two-year package arrangement.

In my own view, there is no doubt that this type of sponsorship does a tremendous amount of good for the sponsor and also for the club and I know this was also felt by Universal Salvage's chairman Cliff Bassett. He is clearly excited at the prospects for greatly increased

name awareness and increased business that USA's involvement with Luton Town will bring.

From our own point of view, USA is an excellent sponsor for the club as it is a locally-formed and created company which has successfully grown to become a well-known national business. In fact, Universal Salvage first opened their doors 30 years ago from premises in Lyndhurst Road in Luton. Not long afterwards, their success dictated that they expanded into two more sites at Staughton Moor and Kingsway.

Their continued commitment to expansion and re-investment of their profits led them to further new branches at Paddock Wood in Kent, Wootton in Bedford and, of course, their current head office at Redbourn. Therefore, as you can see, USA is very much a company with strong local connections.

Traditionally, the company operated as traditional salvage and breakers yards, but continued expansion carried them further and further afield into Chesterfield, Denny in Scotland and also to Westbury and Sandtoft. The expansion created a need for a new marketing strategy.

As a result, the company held its first auction at Corby two years ago. This was a success and soon afterwards Redbourn, Westbury and Sandtoft were to follow and provide USA with a controlled platform of sales on a regulated basis.

This basis has given Mr Bassett and his team the opportunity to further expand their business and their ambitions and a new head office for Universal Salvage Holdings is now being built in Wootton. This is due to open next month.

In all, the company employs more than 220 staff and operates a fleet of 42 transporters from eight different branches, collecting more than 35,000 vehicles each year from all over the United Kingdom. This is clearly a formidable organisation and one Mr Bassett is justifiably proud of and that is why he has now taken the decision to sponsor our club.

This will give USA increased name awareness to their customers old and new, raise the company's public profile enormously and give them just the sort of image they want as they are associated with such a visual, active and colourful medium as Luton Town.

Mr Bassett has already told us that he is looking forward to a long and fruitful relationship with Luton Town and I am sure he and we will find that together. On a personal note, I can only say that I hope USA find their sponsorship as successful for them as did our previous club sponsors whose affinity with the club remained long after their names had gone from our players' shirts.

In welcoming Birmingham here tonight, it is interesting to note the possibility of a rare coincidence as, thanks to the success of our youth team at Norwich last week, we found ourselves drawn to visit none other than Birmingham City in the next round.

Depending on the arrangements of fixtures in the last few days (after these notes were penned for press), it may be that we found ourselves facing cup-tie trips up the M1 and M6 with two different squads within a matter of days. The winners, incidentally, of our Southern Junior Floodlit Cup meeting with Birmingham were due to meet Leyton Orient or Aldershot at home in the next round.

## Captain's diary

By Trevor Peake



### Inconsistencies must be ironed out.

Although I can't comment on our performance at Manchester United on Saturday due to press deadlines, our inconsistencies surfaced again during our match against Queens Park Rangers last week. Even though we played a team who were much better than their league position suggested, I feel we rushed our play going forward, not giving our midfield men the chance to shine as I know they can. Saying that, Q.P.R. performed well, and I was most impressed with my opposite number Alan McDonald, who had only recently returned from injury. We must make our passing game show on a more regular basis if we are to get three points consistently.

It was pleasing to see Paul Telfer and Kurt Nogan play such an influential part in the win v Oldham, with Kurt setting up both goals for Mick Harford. As I've said in previous notes, I have been very impressed with the youth set up at the club with so many youngsters on the fringe of the first team. It makes you appreciate just how much hard work the scouts and youth coaches put in behind the scenes at the club, and I am sure they gain great satisfaction when seeing one of "their boys" run out for the first time with the first team.

Tonight's game sees the visit of Birmingham City to Kenilworth Road in the Rumbelows League Cup. I must admit, I haven't had too much success in this competition during my time at Lincoln and Coventry, although as you may know, I did get to a Wembley final with Coventry in the FA Cup in 1987.

Reaching Wembley is a footballer's dream and reward for a long and arduous season. The pitch, the atmosphere and the sheer tradition of the place is overwhelming. It is definitely a path I would like to take again, this time leading out the blue and white of Luton.

Luton have had a good record in this competition over recent seasons, winning the Cup in 1988 and I'm sure Brian Stein, Mick Harford and David Preece will be able to tell the younger lads of their experiences on that sunny April afternoon.

Birmingham will come to Kenilworth Road feeling they can create an upset by returning to

St Andrews with at least a draw for the second leg. They arrive here on a high after their fine start to the season in Division Three. We are under no illusions tonight, but we are the First Division club and must make our class show. I have every confidence in the lads.

The next few weeks will be a testing time for the lads with four away games in three weeks. We know our form away from Kenilworth Road has been poor, but we are doing our utmost to rectify the situation. All we need is a win under our belts then the confidence will come. We can build from there.

Thank you for your continued support of the lads. Keep cheering, and most of all enjoy the game.



Trevor meets up with his old pal Brian Kilcline before our recent 2-1 victory against Oldham Athletic.





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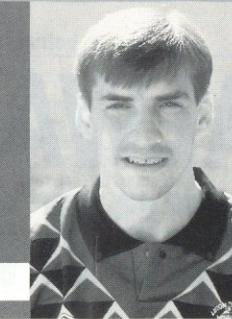
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## Junior Hatters

With Alec Chamberlain.



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**D**id you know that on November 12, 1898, Luton were beaten by a team called Small Heath for the first time. That team is now called Birmingham City. We will have to make sure it does not happen tonight as it would be nice to go to Wembley.

It is nice to have Mick Harford back in the team. What a perfect homecoming for him – scoring two goals in his first game back and helping to push us back up the table. Let's hope we can keep this form up because we have to gain as many points as possible.

The first away game for Junior Hatters will be on Saturday, October 5th when we visit Aston Villa. If you would like to go on this trip, call into the Oak Road Sports Shop on weekdays or the Kenilworth

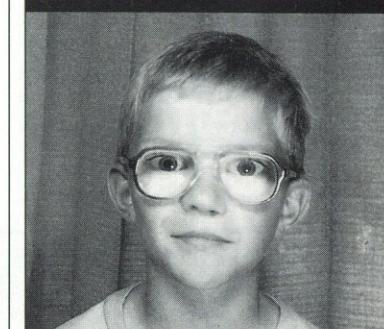
Road shop on matchdays and book your place on the coach.

The cost will be £6 for Junior Hatters and £7 for parents. The coach will depart from the top of Oak Road at 9am and a packed lunch is recommended.

Tonight we start the lucky numbers competition for two free tickets for the home game of your choice. Tonight's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is.....0082 DAVID JEFFREY. Congratulations David. To claim your two free tickets, call in to the Sports Shop and bring your membership card with you.

Have a good time tonight. Enjoy the game and I hope to see you all at our home game next Saturday when our visitors will be Notts County.

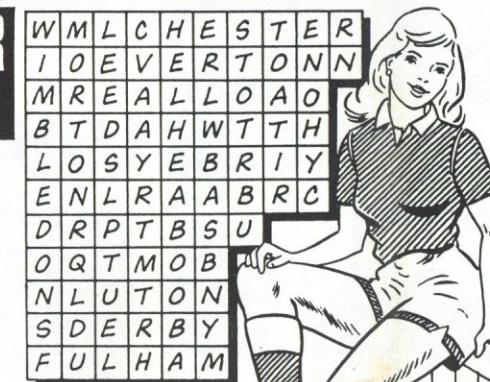
## Match Mascot



Tonight's mascot is Luke Singleton. He attends Warden Hill School and plays football for his cubs' team and for his school. His hobbies are football, cricket, rugby and snooker.

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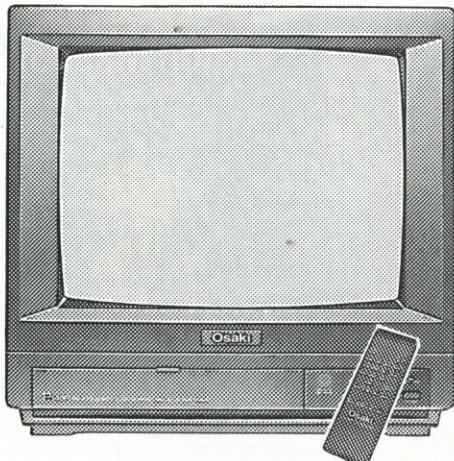
1. Who is the Team Manager of Birmingham City?
2. Who scored 10 goals for Luton in one match?
3. In which year did Birmingham finish ahead of Luton and win the Second Division championship on goal difference?
4. Who was Luton's top goal-scorer last season?

Answers: 1. Terry Cooper 2. Joe Payne in 1996 against Bristol Rovers 3. 1955 – and Luton won promotion to the First Division for the first time 4. Lars Elstrup



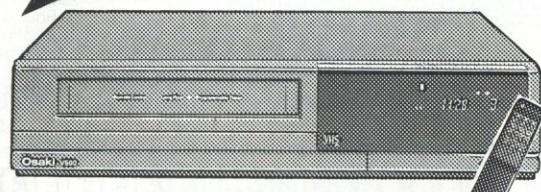
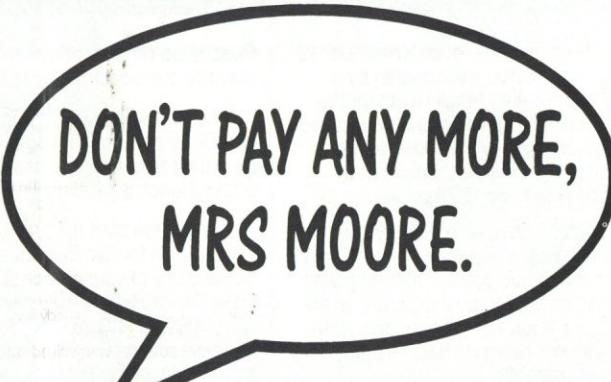
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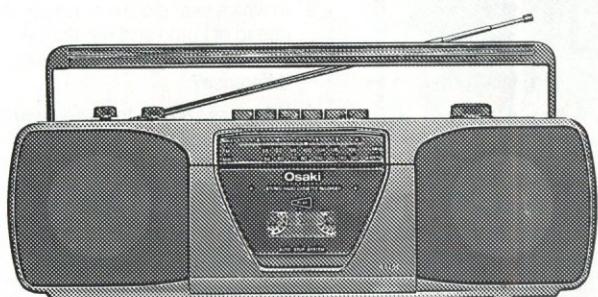
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## Fans' view

### Hospital help

Dear Sir,

Would it be possible through your programme to make an appeal to any wealthy Luton Town fans? The Hospital Radio Football Commentary team that serves not only the L&D Hospital and the Lister, but also hospitals from the visiting teams' home town, urgently need to raise £1,200 to purchase new broadcasting equipment. The ball by ball commentary has operated now for nearly 40 years and was one of the first in the country. With the new equipment, it will allow us to relay Luton's away games and also enable us to produce interviews and on the spot comments.

It is a one-off purchase and in return, the programme would carry advertising of the sponsor.

In these current hard times, we realise that this is a lot of money to ask for, but the Saturday afternoon programme does bring a lot of enjoyment to many, many people in hospitals around the country.

May I also take this opportunity to remind Luton fans that if they know of anyone in hospital that will be missing coming to Kenilworth Road then do let us know and we will give them a mention during the game. Thank-you.

J. Alistair Frary,  
Football Commentator,  
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### Want to air your views?

Please write to: The Editor,  
c/o Luton Town FC.,  
Kenilworth Road Stadium,  
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Beds. LU4 8AW.

### Programmes wanted

Dear Sir,

I collect Coventry City home and away programmes and I desperately need the following programmes:  
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1978/79 Luton v Coventry (friendly)

I would be willing to pay £30 for the League Cup programme and £10 for the friendly one.

Kevin Webb,  
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Berks RG1 8PA.

### Naval thanks

Dear Sir,

The Luton and Dunstable Royal Naval Association wish to thank David Pleat and the rest of the playing staff for your gift of an autographed football shirt.

The shirt has been raffled, raising £125 towards our fund-raising effort, bringing the total raised to £1,757. Thank you for your support.

The shirt was won by John Vass, a resident of the Oaks Home for Persons with Physical Disabilities, and John is over the moon.

We are having a Christmas disco for the handicapped on Thursday 12th December. We would be delighted if somebody from Luton Town Football Club could attend.

Thanks again for your valued support.

L.G. Manners  
The Royal Naval Association,  
124 Crawley Green Road,  
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### Autographed ball for sale

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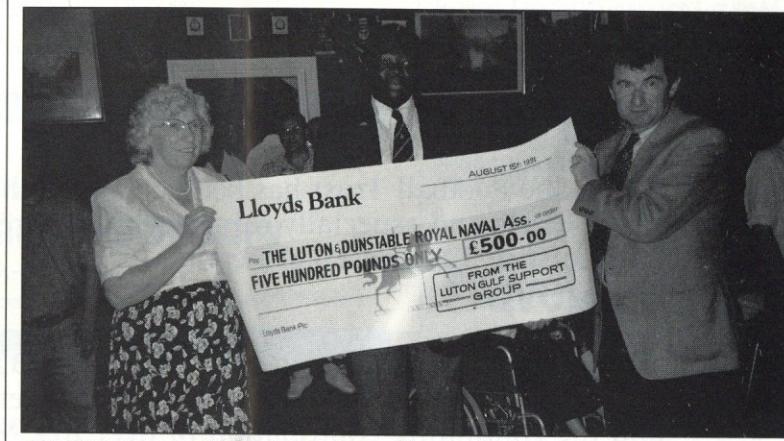
I have a signed football which I bought in the mid-eighties. It has been kept in a box and is in good condition. The following names are on it: Ricky Hill, Frank Bunn, John Moore and Rob Johnson, plus more names which I am unable to read.

If any supporters are interested in buying this ball, please contact me at the following address:

D. Chambers  
77 Great Northern Road,  
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Tel: (0582) 608339.

## Mad as a Hatter...

Supporters wishing to be featured in our fan file column this season are requested to contact Alan Adair at CBC Print, Luton (tel 0582-26688) or contribute a passport-style photograph and details as per previous questionnaires to the club offices at 1, Maple Road, Luton.



David Pleat pictured on his recent visit to the local branch of the RNA.

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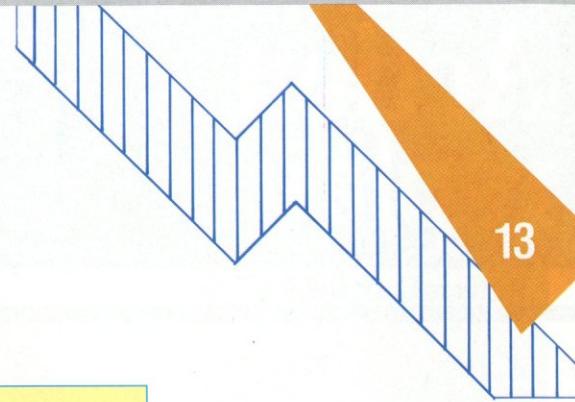
**A**nnual income is expected to exceed £32 Million – £20 Million as a result of the reduction in Pool Betting Duty and the continuing contribution of over £12 Million annually from the Spotting-the-Ball competition organised by Littlewoods, Vernons & Zetters.



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# Box office



## How to get to..

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Nearest Railway: Witton (B/R)

## BIRMINGHAM CITY

By Road: Take the M5 to junction 4, or the A435 into Birmingham. Join the A45 to Coventry Road and then turn left into St Andrews Road for ground.

Car parks are available in Coventry Road and Cattell Road.

Nearest Railway: Bordesley or Birmingham New Street (B/B).

## 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 ASTON VILLA will be £6.00 and £5.00 with coaches departing from Cranfield at 10.45am and from Luton at 11.45am with pick-ups en route.

Fares for the trip to BIRMINGHAM CITY will be £6.00 and £5.00 with coaches departing from Cranfield at 3.45pm and from Luton at 4.45pm with the usual pick-ups en route.

## **Ticket Office Hours**

The Ticket Office is open from 10 am to 4 pm on weekdays and from 9 am to 12 noon on non-match Saturdays. On match Saturdays, it remains open for the afternoon. For all Ticket Office and Membership inquiries, please call Cherry Newbery, Ticket Office manager, on 0582-411622 or 30748. Credit Card Hotline is on 0582-30748 72 hours before a match.

# Action replay

Pictures by Josh Levy

From Kenilworth Road,  
September 14, 1991  
Luton 2 Oldham Athletic 1  
(Harford 2) (Marshall)  
Attendance: 9,005



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David Preece and Darron McDonough are pictured in action during our exciting victory over Oldham Athletic when two goals in the final minutes secured the points. Also pictured is Welsh international Mark Pembridge in action in the same match.

# Today's visitors

By Luke Nicoli

## Welcome to Birmingham City

BIRMINGHAM CITY FOOTBALL CLUB 1991/92 SEASON



Back Row (left to right) - Nigel Gleghorn, Nigel Larkins, Martin Hicks, Martin Thomas, John Gayle, Richard Williams, Matthew Fox, Ian Clarkson, Trevor Mathewson

Centre Row (left to right) - Andy Dale, Mark Harrison, Mark Yates (now Burnley), Dean Peer, Paul Mardon, Richard Naylor, Brian Grey, Paul Masefield, Stuart Brown,

Sean Francis, Eamon Dolan, (now Exeter City), Brendon Devere

Front Row (left to right) - David Foy, Eric Hogan, Paul Tait, Folorunso Okenla, Mark Rutherford, Mark Cougan, Simon Sturridge, John Frain, Ian Rodgerson

City come to Kenilworth Road riding high in Division Three after a very promising start to the season which, at the time of writing, sees them placed top of the table after winning four of their opening five matches. This newly found confidence and self-belief in the side stems partly from the introduction of new manager Terry Cooper, who arrived during the summer from Exeter City, and partly from the Blues' Leyland Daf success at Wembley last May. The final saw City take on Tranmere Rovers in front of over 50,000 supporters, of which a large proportion were City fans. Two fine strikes from former Wimbledon striker John Gayle and a third by last season's leading scorer Stuart Sturridge were enough to give City a 3-1 victory, giving the club a platform on which to build this term.

Mr Cooper, who replaced Lou Macari as manager during the summer has made a couple of changes to the side which ran out at Wembley. Defender Paul Marsden recently joined the club from Bristol City, former Norwich and Ipswich

forward Louie Donowa has been brought in and has brightened the side with his wing play, and Mr Cooper's own son Mark has followed his father from Exeter City. Mark helped keep City at the top of Division Three last week with an injury time strike which secured a 1-1 draw at home to Peterborough in front of a healthy 9,408 crowd.

Although cup runs are a bonus for the Blues, Mr Cooper's main aim is to gain promotion back into the Second Division. The club are reknown as a sleeping giant who once had players such as Sheffield Wednesday boss Trevor Francis, England international Bob Latchford and former Town striker Bob Hatton all gracing the First Division stage at St Andrews in the seventies. Although this was a great period for the City fans from an entertainment viewpoint, they still failed at the penultimate hurdle in the FA Cup, losing two semi-finals in 1972 and 1975.

Mr Cooper has inherited a side with a nice balance of experience and fresh talent in the side. We are sure to see Welsh international Martin Thomas in action tonight, top-scorer last season Simon Surridge and the fan's favourite Gayle, who now has a cult following at St Andrews following his Wembley double-strike.

Founded in 1875 by a group of cricketers from the Trinity Church, Bordesley who were

determined to continue their sporting relationships throughout the year, a football club was set up which went by the name of Small Heath Alliance. Early achievements included winning the Walsall Cup in 1883, and in 1886 the semi-finals of the FA Cup. In 1892 the club joined the Second Division of the Football League and battled for nine seasons before gaining Division One status and a change of name to Birmingham City. By 1906 the club was well established as one of England's premier clubs, playing at a new home, known as St Andrews, where they have remained ever since.

Birmingham's cup success last May was the club's first since they lifted the Football League Cup in 1963. They have also won the Division Two title on four occasions in 1893, 1921, 1948 and 1955. Their best ever position in Division One was in 1956 when they finished 6th. Mr Cooper is the club's 16th post-war manager which includes such names as Stan Culliss, Ron Saunders and Dave Mackay.

Signs are that the Blues are on the way back - tonight's game will be a yardstick against which they can measure themselves to see just how near they are to achieving the dream of promotion, firstly into Division Two and then back into the top flight, a place where City fans say they belong.

## Blues On Parade



**MARTIN THOMAS** (goalkeeper) - Martin started his career at Bristol Rovers where he made over 100 appearances. He established himself as a top-class goalkeeper at Newcastle United, gaining Welsh international honours. Martin played in every league game last season which saw him pass the 100 game mark for the Blues.

**IAN CLARKESON** (defender) - Birmingham born, Ian progressed through the ranks as a Y.T.S. trainee, making his league debut v Barnsley in 1988. He has now made over 50 appearances for the Blues.

**IAN ATKINS** (defender) - Ian has just returned to the club following a player/manager position he held at Vauxhall Conference side Colchester United. He started his career at Shrewsbury in 1985 and has since played for Sunderland, Everton and Ipswich before joining the Blues first time around, clocking up nearly 500 league appearances.

**PAUL MARDEN** (defender) - 22-year-old Paul has recently been introduced to the side following a move from Second Division Bristol City. He made his league debut v Preston North End in 1988 and went on to make nearly 100 appearances for the Robins.

**MATTHEW FOX** (defender) - Another promising product of the club's successful Y.T.S. scheme, Matthew has made only a handful of appearances since making his debut in 1989.

**TREVOR MATTHEWSON** (defender) - An experienced defender who made his league debut for Sheffield Wednesday in 1981, Trevor has also played for Stockport and Newport County. Signed after a brief spell with Lincoln City in 1989, Trevor was an ever-present last season.

**JOHN FRAIN** (defender/midfield) - Yet another Y.T.S. success, John missed only three games last season and has played over 120 times for the Blues, following his debut v Sunderland in 1986. He is the club's regular penalty taker.

**IAN ROGERSON** (midfield) - Hereford-born, Ian made over 100 appearances for his home-town club. He joined Cardiff City in 1988 and spent two seasons at Ninian Park before joining City in 1990. He has now made 30 appearances for the club, although injury robbed him of a place in the Leyland Daf final last season.

**TREVOR AYLOTT** (forward) - Much travelled Trevor has seen service with Chelsea, Millwall, Barnsley, Crystal Palace and here at the Town before he signed from the Blues from Bournemouth in 1990. He has made over 400 league appearances during his career, scoring 82 goals.

**JOHN GAYLE** (forward) - Birmingham born, John started his league career at Wimbledon in 1989, making his debut in a 4-0 win v Newcastle United. He joined City last season for £175,000 and will always be remembered by Blues fans for scoring two goals in the Leyland Daf final at Wembley.

**SIMON STURRIDGE** (forward) - Top-scorer last season, Simon progressed through the junior ranks at St Andrews, making his league debut v W.B.A. in 1988. Scorer at Wembley last season, Simon has been Midlands "Young Eagle of the Month" on two occasions

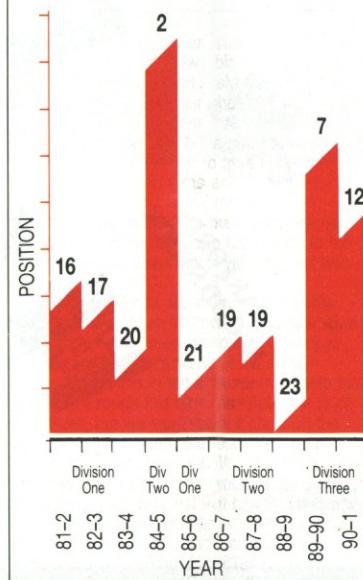
## Meet the Boss

### TERRY COOPER

Castleford born, Terry started his career at Leeds United in 1963 and went on to become a very important member of the successful Leeds United team of the early seventies which won the FA Cup, Fairs Cup and League Championship. His impressive form at left-back earned him England honours, making his debut v France in 1969.

After eleven years at Elland Road, Terry moved on to Middlesbrough where he enjoyed three full seasons, making 105 league appearances. His career ended in 1980 after two brief spells with the Bristol clubs City and Rovers. He went on to manage both these clubs as his apprenticeship in football management began. Three years ago he joined Exeter City and took the club out of the Fourth Division before joining City earlier this summer.

## 10 year record



## Club Honours

Division Two Champions: 1892-93, 1920-21, 1947-48, 1954-55.

Football League Cup Winners: 1963.

Leyland Daf Cup Winners: 1990-91.

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# Player profile

## Trevor Peake

When Trevor Peake started pre-season training this Summer, it is likely that playing for Luton as club captain was beyond his dreams, but when David Pleat stepped in to take him away from Highfield Road, he had no hesitation.

"I was obviously very flattered when Mr Pleat approached me and asked me if I would 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 former captain John Dreyer who has been particularly helpful. To be honest, I did not know too many of the lads although I did know Graham Rodger from our Coventry days".

Trevor's league career started 12 years ago in the Fourth Division at Lincoln City. After four full seasons at Sinclair Bank he moved on to Coventry City where his career really took off, establishing himself as one of the most competent defenders in Division One. Since joining Luton Town he has met up with a couple of old acquaintances, "Yes, I played under our coach Colin Murphy for four years at Lincoln City between 1979 and 1983 where I also struck up a good friendship with Mick Harford during his spell at the club. We were good mates until Mick went on his travels, so I was pleased to join up with him again a couple of weeks ago".

After a month at Kenilworth Road, Trevor is clearly impressed with what he has seen. "What struck me most was the friendly atmosphere which is evident both on and off the pitch, this definitely helped me to settle in quickly. I have also been impressed with the quality of the youngsters. Obviously, at my age, I am an experienced player but I think I know good youngsters when I see them. I think there are three or four here who have very good First Division futures ahead of them.

Although early results have not gone our way, at least everyone here is trying to play football. That has impressed me right through the club.

### TREVOR PEAKE FACT FILE

Born: Nuneaton, 10.2.57  
First club: Lincoln City  
FL debut: Lincoln v Peterborough (0-1) 18.8.79  
Joined Coventry: 1983  
Joined Luton Town: 1991  
Luton debut: v Arsenal (a) 0-2  
Luton Town career (to 18.9.91): 6 apps, 0 goals.



Luton has a real tradition for the passing game. I like to play from the back, but it has to be at the right time. I am no advocate of the 'long ball and get after it' approach".

Trevor is under no illusions with the battle which is in front of him this season, "I know what it is like to be under pressure from my years at Coventry, so along with some of the more experienced players in the side, we must help the youngsters through this term. The potential to do well is there, but we must make it show on the pitch. I don't think confidence has been badly affected by the results so far. The lads have great belief in themselves and that has impressed me. What we must do quickly is to lose our inferiority complex when travelling away. It is very dangerous to rely on home results in the First Division, I know that from experience. On a brighter note I feel the recent signings of Steve

Thompson and Mick Harford will be very beneficial to the side this season. Mick gives us that extra height and power up front, whereas Steve's precise passing game will definitely help our build-up play.

The fans can play a big part in the team's success this term. The encouragement we receive is a big bonus and really does spur on the lads - let's hope we can repay our gratitude with a fruitful season."



Autograph

Trevor Peake

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Mick Harford wheels away in triumph after netting the opening goal against Oldham Athletic

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## Spare a thought for the goalie!

Last week, the penalty kick celebrated its centenary after 100 years of agony, ecstasy, trials and tribulations. Luke Nicoli traces the origins of the spot kick and reveals just how important it has become in deciding major cup ties in all competitions...

It was William McCrum who submitted the proposal for a 'penalty kick' rule to the Irish Football Association in 1890. A brilliant scholar, story-teller and outstanding sportsman, McCrum was disillusioned with the constant breach of rules and unsporting behaviour which had surfaced in the game. The final straw came when he read about an incident which had occurred that year in an F.A. Cup quarter final between Notts County and Stoke City. County had been leading 1-0 up to the last minute when Hendry, a defender, stopped a shot with his hand. Stoke were awarded a free-kick a few centimetres from the goal line. It is easy to imagine the uproar which ensued when the County keeper, along with six defenders stood directly around the ball!

McCrumb's suggestion for the spot-kick came before the Football Association board on June 2, 1891 at 6 pm at the Alexandra Hotel, Glasgow. The proposal created a storm of protest in the press and the football establishment. Opponents named such a proposal as the 'Irishman's motion' and for the English, who were convinced that only gentlemen pursued the sport of football, such a sanction was thought of as a sacrilege.

McCrumb had fellow Irishman J. Reid to thank for finally making the rule become reality. It was he who had the power to convince his F.A. counterparts of the necessity of the penalty. After much controversy and resignations, the law was passed on September 14 1891. The law at the time filled a couple of lines of the F.A. rule-book. Today it fills almost two pages.

Only three violations were considered to merit a penalty, namely tripping, holding an opponent or deliberate handling of the ball. In time, other violations were incorporated which, if committed outside the penalty area, incurred a direct free-kick and, if inside the area, a penalty kick.

By the turn of the century the penalty kick was in full swing with many more amendments to the rule being implemented. The man who saw his freedom increasingly restricted was the goalkeeper. Originally he had been allowed to move up to six yards away from the goal-line when the kick was taken, but in 1905 the board stipulated that the keeper had to stand on the goal-line between the goalposts, but still being allowed to move or even run from side to side.

The rule had become universal and this was clearly shown when the first penalty kick was taken in a World Cup tie. On July 19, 1930, the Uruguayan referee Anibal Tejada awarded a spot-kick after 35 minutes of the game between Chile and France, against the Europeans. Alexis Thepot, the brilliant French keeper at the time, blocked the shot, which proved to be decisive, as the French went on to win 1-0. Thus, the penalty had arrived to stay in the global game.

The importance of the spot-kick on the modern world stage was in clear evidence during last year's World Cup final in Italy. Andreas Brehme proved he had nerves of steel by converting his spot-kick for West Germany as he beat the penalty prodigy Sergio Goycochea with five minutes remaining of the German's clash with Argentina in the final in Rome.

If McCrum had seen the finals last summer, he would hardly have believed just how important the penalty kick had become. How could he have consoled the dejected faces of Stuart Pearce and Chris Waddle as their penalty misses sent England out of Italia '90 at the semi-final stage? Could he have believed the sheer joy and ecstasy on David O'Leary's face as Ireland progressed through to the quarter finals against Romania? There are always two sides to a coin - the sheer joy of scoring a penalty, and the agony of missing. Only those who have stood facing the goal on the turf of a giant stadium, surrounded by tens of thousands of roaring spectators have an inkling of the burden resting on the player taking the penalty.

So much is at stake in today's game that the pressure on the referee's shoulders when making a penalty decision is enormous. During the next 100 years, if not much sooner, we will inevitably see the introduction of video screens to see action replays of incidents to help make the referee's decisions more easier. What we must beware of is the danger of the game degenerating into a farce when teams set out to play for a penalty shoot-out in important matches. It is commonly believed that this was Red Star Belgrade's policy when facing Marseille in last season's European Cup final, which spoilt the game for the supporters and turned it into a dismal and unsporting spectacle...the exact reason why McCrum invented the rule in the first place.

**1891** *Mr G. Suddon (President of the Scottish Football Ass't) was called to the chair. The following delegations were present viz: Messrs G. Kemp & H. Gregson (England) J. Taylor (Wales) (Wales) J. Reid (Ireland) Mr. Steamer (Chairman of Scotland) Before proceeding with the business, it was decided not to admit the Press. It was reported that the printed book had not been forwarded from England, Mr. Gregson took in hand to see that the book was sent on. Mr. Reid (Ireland) proposed that Mr. Kemp (England) seconded, the following which had been recommended from the last Board meeting and which was also proposed by the Football Ass't: If any player shall intentionally trip or hold an opposing player, or deliberately handle the ball within twelve yards of the goal-line, the referee may award a free-kick to the opposing side. If a free-kick is to be taken from within twelve yards from the goal-line, the following conditions should prevail, with the exception of the player taking the penalty kick and the opposing goal-keeper, shall stand behind the ball and at least six yards from it; the ball shall be in play when the kick is taken. A goal may be scored from the penalty kick.*

*After considerable discussion, it was agreed to make the following alterations viz: After the word* *Goal* *add* *and* *not* *in* *the* *word* *Goal*

### PENALTY KICKS

A few facts about the penalty kick in World Cup final competitions:

Total no of goals scored at World Cup final competitions: 1443

no. of penalties among these: 95

decisive for the match: 32

not decisive for the match: 63

### Penalties in final ties:

1950: Brazil v Sweden 7-1  
by Andersson (SWE) 5-1

1974: West Germany v Netherlands 2-1  
by Neeskens(NL) 0-1  
and Breitner(FRG) 1-1

1990: Argentina v West Germany 0-1  
by Brehme (FRG) 0-1

### Game with the most penalties:

1990: England v Cameroon 3-2  
(quarter final) 3, two for England, one for Cameroon.

### Players converting the most penalties per match:

1990: Gary Lineker (England) 2

Teams awarded the most penalties:  
(in parentheses no. of penalties missed)

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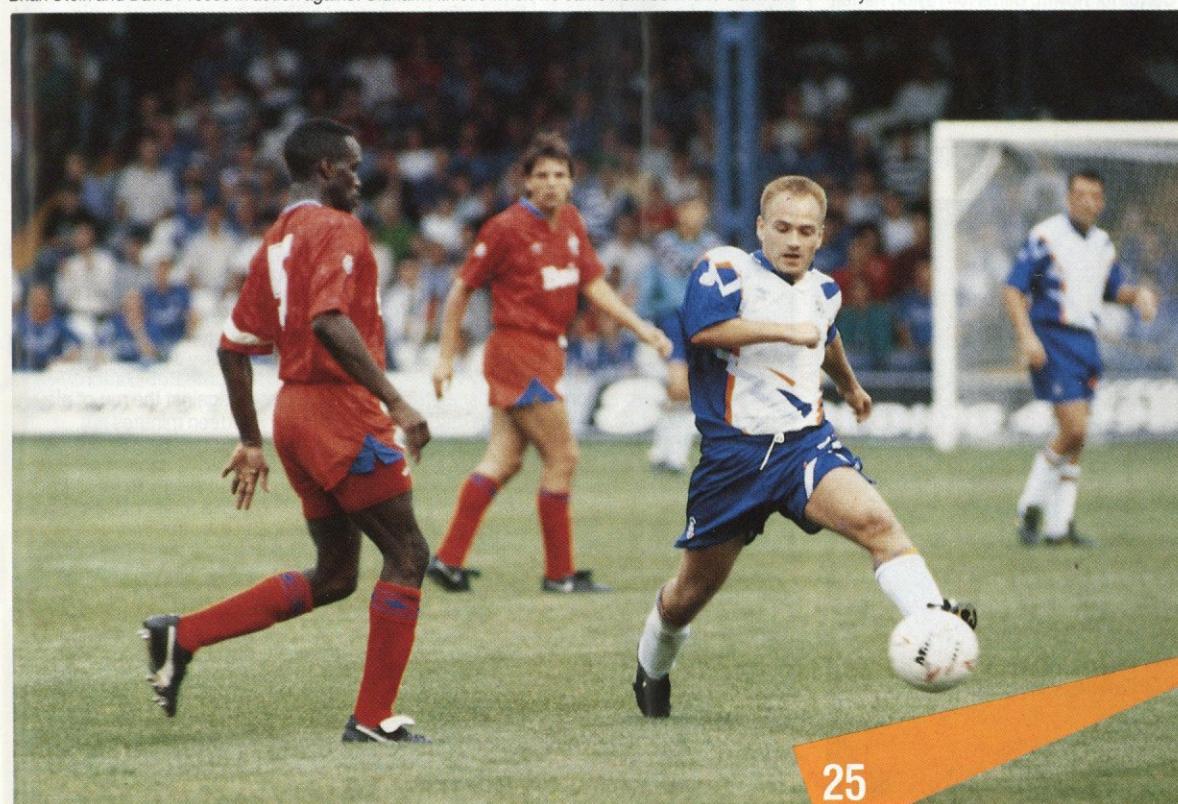


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# Looking back

By Roger Wash

## The Last Time We Met . . .

First Game - September 8th 1972

Luton :- Barber, John Ryan, Thomson, Anderson, Faulker, Garner, Jim Ryan, Fern, Busby, Halom, Aston.

Birmingham :- Cooper, Howitt, Want, Campbell, Hynd, Harland, Pendrey, Francis, R. Latchford, Hope, Taylor, (Burns).

Second game - 13th September 1972

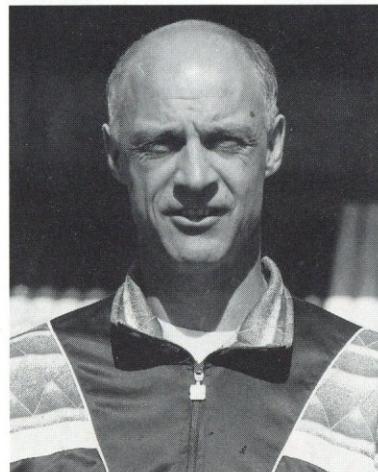
Luton :- Unchanged

Birmingham :- D. Latchford for Cooper, Carroll for Howitt, Burns for Taylor, Hatton for Want, sub-Taylor for Hope.

Third game - 19th September 1972

Luton:- Unchanged (Sub Slough for Garner)

Birmingham:- As second game except Page for Harland.



John Faulkner, a member of our unsuccessful cup squad.

## Three memorable clashes - but how did we fail to go through?

The only time Luton Town have met Birmingham City previously in the League Cup, three classic encounters resulted, ending in a final narrow victory for the Blues. Nineteen years on, those of us who attended all three games still cannot fathom out how the Town failed to get through, certainly in the final clash.

Birmingham, fresh up from Division Two, had home advantage against their lower league opposition and a crowd of 20,962 turned up at St Andrews for what was expected to be an easy home win.

Luton had different ideas and, following the criticism they had received the previous season in an ultra defensive, negative performance at St Andrews, took the game to the Blues and went into the lead in the eighth minute when Peter Anderson headed in a John Aston free-kick.

Apart from a Bobby Hope free-kick, well saved by Luton keeper Keith Barber, Birmingham had little to offer in the first half and it was the Town who continued to press forward much to the disgust of the City faithful who were by this time becoming restless.

Blues equaliser, against the run of play, came in the 54th minute when Rodney Fern attempting to put Jim Ryan away only succeeded in hitting the wingers backside from where it was picked up by Birmingham's Gary Pendrey who set up a chance for Bob Latchford to hit the ball into the roof of the net.

The rest of the game was fairly even and the Town were more than satisfied to take the Blues back to Kenilworth Road for a replay the following Wednesday night - no Second Round two legged affairs in those days!

The replay started as the first game had left off with the Town attacking their First Division rivals with a will, building up from the back where Bobby Thomson, skipper again against his old club, was a prime mover. The Town forced attack after attack and on occasions it looked like the Blues centre-half Roger Hynd, who had a superb game, against the rest. The inevitable breakthrough did not come until the 65th minute when John Aston fired home and with two minutes to go Jim Ryan stood off Pendrey expecting the whistle to blow for a foul. The referee

allowed play to continue and Pendrey, in acres of space, put in a cross and in the resultant melee, Alan Campbell scrambled the ball home.

Extra time was now the order of the day and with the 13,806 crowd, labelled pathetic by manager Harry Haslam aiming at the stayaways, whipped into a frenzy, the Town made one final effort but despite having twelve attempts at goal, they could not get the ball in the net.

Argueents then raged as to the venue for the third game and eventually Northampton's County Ground was decided upon.

The attendance of 11,451 almost tripled Northampton's best crowd of the season, and it looked and sounded as if the majority of the support came from Luton. For the third time the Town attacked from the start but the ball would not go into the net. Luton, looking fitter and faster, made a mockery of the difference in status and with Birmingham having to resort to physical play which the Town were able to overcome, not only would the Second Division side win, but would gain victory by playing football.

Town wing half Alan Garner, who had shut out the Blues wonderboy Trevor Francis, strained a groin muscle when taking a long throw in the 38th minute and had to be replaced by Alan Slough. Despite this, the Town continued to attack and little was seen of top marksman Bob Latchford, who was being superbly shackled by John Faulkner, or of future Luton favourite Bob Hatton.

Completely against the run of play and with only thirteen minutes left, Francis, now minus his permanent shadow, took full advantage of a scramble in the Luton box to force the ball home through a forest of legs to give Birmingham the eventual winner, undeserved though it may have been.

After match comments from the Birmingham press ranged from "criminal injustice" to "Luton were better than most First Division sides seen this season".

The final word was left to Harry Haslam who said: "It should be us. We did enough to win each match against them but we could not score the goals that mattered. Sheffield Wednesday had better watch out on Saturday." The Town lost 4-0!



Jim Ryan's misfortune enabled City to equalise in the opening encounter between the two sides.

## Did you know?

The last time we met Birmingham City in a league match was in season 1985/86 at St Andrews when our First Division encounter ended 2-0 in Luton's favour. Mick Harford scored both goals against his old club.

## IT HAPPENED FIVE YEARS AGO:-

The Town did not make an appearance in the Littlewoods Cup in 1986/87 because of a refusal to allow Cardiff supporters into Kenilworth Road match disqualification.

## IT HAPPENED TEN YEARS AGO:-

The Town crashed out at the first stage to Wrexham 2-1 on aggregate. A 2-0 defeat at Kenilworth Road was followed by a 1-0 win at Wrexham. Luton also won 2-0 at the Racecourse Ground in between ties in a league match.

## IT HAPPENED FIFTEEN YEARS AGO:-

Again the Town went out at the first hurdle, losing 3-1 at Sunderland. Jim Husband scored the Luton consolation, watched by a crowd of 22,390.

## IT HAPPENED TWENTY YEARS AGO:-

To complete a sorry sequence, the Town went out at the first time of asking, losing 2-0 at First Division Crystal Palace. The nearest Luton came to scoring in a drab game was when Peter Andersen hit the bar in the closing minutes.

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Jim Ryan is pictured in action during our clash with Notts County at Meadow Lane in August 1973.

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Paul Telfer and Kurt Nogan have both established places in the first team squad in recent weeks. Both are pictured in action against Oldham Athletic after coming on as substitutes.



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# Guest spot

By John Litster

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## What to collect

Part 3 of a series by John Litster, Editor of "Programme Monthly" magazine.

Every Saturday of every year, from August to mid May, there are hundreds of senior football matches staged in the U.K. Just about every one will have a programme issued, so the sky is the limit as far as items available for collection. Once the "collecting bug" has bitten, the appetite for adding programmes to one's collection will be insatiable, but there is a limit on any new collector's budget, so specialisation is essential at any early stage of a programme collection.

Will discuss in depth many of the more popular specialities later in the series, but this week we will concentrate on listing the options available. The most obvious, and most popular, is collecting programmes of a favourite team. The starting point would be immediate, and henceforth an attempt should be made to

obtain every home programme, with issues from matches not attended in person either obtained from the club shop or the club office. Programmes from away matches is another popular collecting set, and for both home and away, you could go back to a certain date and attempt to collect back numbers. Those of a more recent vintage may be obtained from a club shop, or a local programme dealer. The starting date can be variable - 5 years ago, 10 years, from the date of the collector's birth, 1970, 1960, post-war and so on - another example of programme collecting's flexibility to suit any level of interest or budget.

One-per-club is an interesting early speciality, an attempt to obtain one programme from every English league club (or Scottish League, or both). Established collectors develop this into a

"one per club per season" collection. Those with an interest in non-league clubs who have at one time or another issued a programme.

Big match issues is a popular speciality and allows collectors to associate with the glamorous, big occasion matches in football history. Cup finals, semi-finals of either a domestic or European variety, and/or internationals are obvious major categories for this type of collection.

How to obtain programmes to expand early collections in which specialities have been identified will be the subject of our next article.

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## Keeping track - your day-by-day football diary

**September 7** - The Town go down 3-0 at Wimbledon in front of 3,231 fans, the lowest crowd ever seen at a First Division match....Arsenal lose their first home match for 18 months 2-1 as Peter Ndlovu scores Coventry's second in the last minute at Highbury....Liverpool beat Saturday's visitors Notts County with another late penalty.....Manchester United remain top with a 3-0 win at home to Norwich.....In Scotland, Hearts remain top following a 2-0 win at home to Motherwell whilst Rangers keep in touch with a 2-0 win at Falkirk which sees Soviet Alexei Michalichenko make his Rangers debut.

**September 8** - Nottingham Forest's Darren Wassall joins Sheffield Wednesday on loan, with a view to a permanent move....Tottenham's Paul Stuart ends speculation over his future by signing a new four-year contract at White Hart Lane....West Brom's Graham Roberts and Gary Robson have both been given free transfers in a bid to cut the clubs' wages bill.

**September 9** - Aldershot announce plans to build a new £9 million super-stadium with a 10,000 all-seater ground. Facilities are to include a bowling alley, snooker hall and various other recreational past-times.

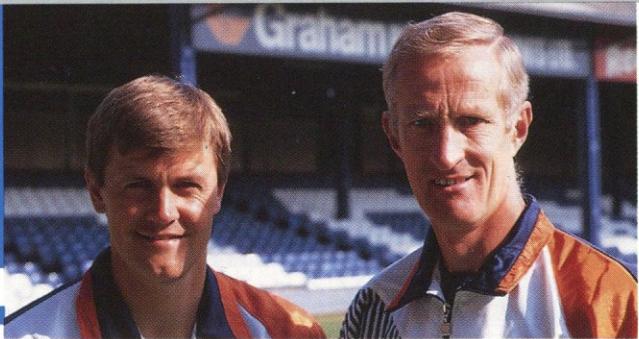
**September 11** - In the European Championships, Scotland earn a draw 2-2 with Switzerland and are almost guaranteed a place in next year's finals in Sweden following Aly McCoist's late strike....Northern Ireland's Colin Clarke becomes joint all-time goalscorer for his country with 12 goals, following a hat-trick in a 5-0 drubbing of the Faroe Islands in Sweden.....Belgium move up to third spot in Wales' group, ahead of Germany, following a 2-0 win in Luxembourg.....England lose their unbeaten record under manager Graham Taylor following a 1-0 home defeat by World Champions Germany in a friendly. Lazio's Karl-Heinz Reidle scores the only goal.....Mark Pembridge makes his debut for Wales at right-back in a 1-0 victory over Brazil at the Cardiff Arms Park....The Republic of Ireland win a

friendly in Hungary 2-1 in front of just 4,000 fans.

**September 14** - Mick Harford makes a sensational return to Kenilworth Road, scoring twice in the last five minutes to give the Town a much needed 2-1 victory over newly promoted Oldham Athletic.....Other notable results are Leeds' 1-0 victory at Chelsea which sees them move up to second place in the table.....Liverpool gain a dubious penalty decision as they draw 1-1 at home to Aston Villa.....Arsenal return to form with a 4-1 at Crystal Palace. The players blame the adverse publicity concerning the race row at the club as one of the reasons for their defeat.....In Division Two, Middlesbrough remain top following a 3-0 victory at home to Leicester whilst second placed Cambridge United drew 0-0 with Derby County the previous night.

# Reserves and youth

By Terry Westley and John Moore



## Neville Ovenden Football Combination 1991-92

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	1-0
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 1992 will be played at Dunstable Football Club, Creasey Park Ground, Brewers Hill Road, Dunstable. After this, they will be played here at Kenilworth Road.		

## NEVILLE OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION

1991-92

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	5	4	0	1	13	5	12
Q.P.R.	5	4	0	1	11	5	12
Tottenham Hotspur	5	3	1	1	8	3	10
Arsenal	6	3	1	2	11	10	10
Brighton & Hove Albion	5	3	0	2	9	10	9
Chelsea	5	2	2	1	11	4	8
Ipswich Town	5	2	2	1	12	12	8
Norwich City	4	2	1	1	12	4	7
Swindon Town	4	2	1	1	10	8	7
Wimbledon	5	2	1	2	10	8	7
Crystal Palace	5	2	1	2	10	9	7
Oxford United	5	2	1	2	9	9	7
Fulham	5	2	1	2	6	6	7
<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
Watford	4	2	0	2	3	3	6
Millwall	4	1	2	1	5	7	5
Portsmouth	5	1	1	3	8	8	4
Charlton Athletic	6	1	1	4	12	4	4
Reading	6	1	0	5	8	23	3
West Ham United	5	0	0	5	3	13	0
up to and including 19.09.91							

## RESERVES - APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

Football Combination			Football Combination		
App	Goals	App	Goals	App	Goals
Allpress	4	-	Nogan	3	1
Beaumont	1	-	North	1	1
Campbell	2(2)	-	Petterson	2	-
Farrell	2	-	Rees	4	1
Gillard	4	-	Salton	3	-
Gormley	-3(3)	-	Sommer	2	-
Harvey	1	-	Telfer	4	-
Holsgrove	3	-	Tighe	2(1)	-
Jackson	2	-	Williams M	2(2)	-
James	2	-			

## Associated Schoolboy Signings 1991-1992

Age	Name	School/Club
Under 14	Mark Curtain	Mark is a central midfielder from Shenley Youth F.C., Milton Keynes. He has represented Buckinghamshire County Schools and plays for his school Stantonbury Campus.
Under 14	Peter Mumford	Peter is a goalkeeper from Hitchin, Herts. He has represented Hertfordshire County Schools.
Under 15	Stephen Palmer	A left-back, Stephen has represented Bedfordshire County Schools. He also plays for local side Lewsey F.C. and for his school Lea Manor High.
Under 15	Gary Issott	Gary is a centre-forward who plays for Stony Stratford F.C. A pupil at Queensbury School, Dunstable, he has also represented Bedfordshire County Schools.
Under 15	Robert Hayter	A right-back from Cheshunt, Herts, Robert plays for local side Wormley Youth and has represented Herts County Schools.
Under 16	David Thomas	David is a left-back who plays for Bushfield F.C., Peterborough. He attends Bushfield Community School, Peterborough, and has represented Peterborough County Schools.
Under 16	Gary Simpson	Gary attends Northfields School, Dunstable. A central defender, he plays for Dunstable F.C. and has represented Bedfordshire County Schools.

## Under 15 and Under 16 Season 1991/92

### Under 16's Results so far:

Date	Team	Score	Date	Team	Score
9/8/91	Arsenal	(A) 4-2	25/8/91	Brentford	(H) 5-3
25/8/91	Brentford	(A) 3-0	1/9/91	Ipswich T.	(A) 2-4
15/8/91	Oxford Utd	(H) 3-0	15/9/91	Charlton	(A) 2-2
8/9/91	Chelsea	(A) 3-1			

### Under 15's Results so far:

Team Managers: Under 16 – Terry Westley  
Under 15 – Paul Lowe

Coaches' comments: We have made an encouraging start to the new season with good all-round performances from both teams. It is pleasing to see the Under 16's unbeaten this term, with the Under 15's losing only once. If you would like to come along and support the boys, home games are played Sunday mornings, kicking off at 11.00am at the new Electrolux training ground.

## South East Counties League 1991-92

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 3-1**

Tues 10 Sept **Norwich City (SJFC) 3-3**

Sat 14 Sept Aldershot

Mon 16 Sept **Norwich City (SJFC R) 3-0**

Sat 21 Sept

Sat 28 Sept

Sat 5 Oct

Sat 12 Oct

Sat 19 Oct

Sat 26 Oct

**Bristol City 2-9**

SECLC 2

Sat 2 Nov Reading

Sat 9 Nov FAYC 1

**Sat 16 Nov Bristol Rovers 0-0**

**Sat 23 Nov Southampton 3-0**

Sat 30 Nov SECLC 3

Sat 7 Dec Wimbledon

**Sat 14 Dec Brighton & Hove Albion 3-1**

Sat 21 Dec Bristol City

Sat 4 Jan Maidstone United

Sat 11 Jan Swindon Town

Sat 18 Jan Bournemouth

**Sat 25 Jan Aldershot 2-0**

Sat 1 Feb Oxford United

Sat 8 Feb Brentford

Sat 15 Feb Crystal Palace

Sat 22 Feb Tottenham Hotspur

Sat 29 Feb Reading

Sat 14 Mar Bristol Rovers

Sat 21 Mar Southampton

Sat 28 Mar Wimbleton

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIVISION 2 SEASON 1991-92

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brentford	5	5	0	0	15	10
Wimbledon	5	3	1	1	18	4
Crystal Palace	4	3	1	0	13	4
Brighton & Hove Albion	4	3	0	1	6	6
<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>
Reading	5	2	1	2	13	5
Swindon Town	5	2	0	2	7	5
Oxford United	4	2	0	2	7	4
Aldershot	5	2	0	3	5	6
Maidstone United	5	2	0	3	10	16
Bristol City	4	2	0	2	8	4
Southampton	4	1	1	2	4	7
Tottenham Hotspur	5	1	0	4	10	16
Bristol Rovers	5	1	0	4	11	20
Bournemouth	5	0	1	4	6	13

Up to and including 14th September 1991

## 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
Brittain	3	-	-
Draper	1(2)	-	(1)
Elliott	5	2	-
Goodfellow	1	1	1
Green	4	2	-
Hancock	4	1	-
Hartson	4	2	1(1)
Holtam	5	1	2
McDonough	3	3	2
Murray	3	2	-
Newman	2(2)	-	(1)
Philip	5	2	-
Rogers	5	2	-
Ryan	3	2	-
Skelton	2(3)	-	-
Smith	2(2)	-	-
Sutton	2(1)	1	(1)
Watkiss	1	1	-

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



# Facts and fixtures



## BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

15th September, 1991

P	W	Home			Away			W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
		D	L	F	A										
9	4	1	0	12	1	—	1.	Manchester United	.....	3	1	0	4	+14	23
9	3	2	0	8	3	—	2.	Leeds United	.....	2	2	0	6	+10	19
7	1	0	1	3	3	—	3.	Tottenham Hotspur	.....	4	1	0	12	+6	16
9	4	0	1	12	6	—	4.	Sheffield Wednesday	.....	1	1	2	3	+5	16
10	2	2	1	10	6	—	5.	Chelsea	.....	2	2	1	7	+4	16
10	3	0	2	7	6	—	6.	Manchester City	.....	2	1	2	4	-1	16
9	3	1	1	11	6	—	7.	Arsenal	.....	1	1	2	8	+4	14
10	3	1	2	9	3	—	8.	Coventry City	.....	1	1	2	4	+3	14
8	3	1	0	7	3	—	9.	Liverpool	.....	1	1	2	3	+3	14
10	2	2	1	5	4	—	10.	Norwich City	.....	1	3	1	7	0	14
10	2	1	2	6	9	—	11.	Notts County	.....	2	1	2	7	-2	14
8	2	0	2	8	10	—	12.	Crystal Palace	.....	2	1	1	8	-1	13
9	3	0	1	10	7	—	13.	Nottingham Forest	.....	1	0	4	7	+2	12
10	2	3	0	9	4	—	14.	Everton	.....	1	0	4	5	+1	12
10	2	1	2	6	4	—	15.	Aston Villa	.....	1	2	2	6	-1	12
9	2	0	2	9	7	—	16.	Wimbledon	.....	1	1	3	7	-1	10
9	3	1	1	11	7	—	17.	Oldham Athletic	.....	0	0	4	3	-1	10
10	1	2	2	5	6	—	18.	West Ham United	.....	1	2	2	5	-3	10
10	1	1	3	4	9	—	19.	Southampton	.....	1	1	3	5	-7	8
10	0	4	1	5	7	—	20.	Q.P.R.	.....	1	1	3	3	-8	7
10	2	1	1	4	3	—	21.	LUTON TOWN	.....	0	1	5	1	-17	8
10	1	1	3	4	8	—	22.	Sheffield United	.....	0	1	4	7	-11	5

## APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS 1991-92

	League		Rmblws Cup		FA Cup		ZD Cup	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
David Beaumont	5(2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kingsley Black	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Alec Chamberlain	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
John Dreyer	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sean Farrell	3(1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lee Glover	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Philip Gray	5(2)	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mick Harford	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Richard Harvey	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Matthew Jackson	5(2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Darron McDonough	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kurt Nogan	1(5)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trevor Peake	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mark Pembridge	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
David Preece	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Graham Rodger	8(1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brian Stein	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paul Telfer	1(3)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Steve Thompson	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Luton Town			F-A	Att	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
Aug	17	West Ham United (A)	0-0	25,079	—	Chamberlain	Beaumont	Harvey	McDonough	Rodger	Dreyer	(Farrell)	Preece	Stein	Pembridge	Black	[Gray]	James
Aug	21	Coventry City	0-5	10,084	19	Chamberlain	Beaumont	Harvey	McDonough	Rodger	Dreyer	Farrell	Preece	(Stein)	Pembridge	Black	[Gray]	James
Aug	24	Liverpool	0-0	11,132	19	Chamberlain	Beaumont	Harvey	McDonough	Rodger	Dreyer	Gray	Preece	Stein	Pembridge	Black	Jackson	Farrell
Aug	27	Arsenal	0-2	25,898	22	Chamberlain (Beaumont)	(Beaumont)	Dreyer (McDonough)	Rodger	Peake	Gray	Preece	Stein	Pembridge	Black	Jackson	[Farrell]	[Nolan]
Aug	31	Chelsea	1-4	17,457	22	Chamberlain (Beaumont)	(Jackson)	Dreyer (McDonough)	Rodger	Peake	GRAY <sup>1</sup>	Preece	(Glover)	Pembridge	Stein	Beaumont	[Nolan]	[Nolan]
Sept	4	Southampton	2-1	8,055	19	Chamberlain (Jackson)	(Harvey)	McDonough	Dreyer	Peake	GRAY <sup>1</sup>	Preece	(Stein)	Pembridge	Stein	[Beaumont]	[Telfer]	[Rodger]
Sept	7	Wimbledon	0-3	3,231	20	Chamberlain	Jackson	Dreyer	Telfer	Rodger	Peake	Gray	Preece	Nogan	Pembridge	Holsgrave	[Telfer]	[Nolan]
Sept	14	Oldham Athletic	2-1	9,005	17	Chamberlain	Jackson	Dreyer (McDonough)	Rodger	Peake	Preece	(Stein)	Harford	Pembridge	Thompson	[Telfer]	[Nolan]	
Sept	17	Queens Park Rangers	0-1	9,985	20	Chamberlain	Jackson	Dreyer	Rodger	Peake	Preece	(Stein)	Harford	Pembridge	(Thompson)	[Telfer]	[Nolan]	
Sept	21	Manchester United	0-5	46,491	21	Chamberlain	Jackson	Dreyer	Rodger	Peake	Preece	Stein	Harford	Pembridge	Thompson	Beaumont	Nogan	
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	—															

# Business scene

By Wendy Grzybowska



Mick Harford made a winning return to Kenilworth Road on and off the pitch against Oldham. He is pictured above with members of the Luton Town Supporters Club (Milton Keynes) branch, who were ball sponsors for the Oldham game.

## Replica shirts to go on sale soon

One of the major parts of our newly-announced club sponsorship by Universal Salvage Auction Ltd is the sale of replica shirts and the exposure they give to our sponsor.

Whilst we appreciate it has been frustrating for our supporters, the initial delay caused by a manufacturing problem at Umbro has assisted us in the continuation of talks with prospective sponsors and to close our exciting deal with Universal Salvage Auctions.

To enable them to gain maximum exposure, we had to delay sales of replicas until the official launch of the new sponsorship deal which was held last week on Friday, September 20.

We anticipate that the new replica shirts with the USA logo on them will be available for sale as from the Notts County fixture here on September 28.

The prices of the shirts are :

Size 22"-24" £23.50, 26"-28" £24.00, 34"-36" £27.00, 38"-40" £28.00, 42" £29.00 and 44" £30.00

## Electronic scoreboards expected back in operation soon

As many of you will be aware, our electronic scoreboard has, unfortunately, not been in operation this season. This is because during the close season, when the building work of our New Stand was in process, the wires of the scoreboard were accidentally severed.

This had a knock-on effect which blew the two computers in each scoreboard and, as the replacement parts are manufactured in America, I am afraid we have been left to wait patiently for their delivery.

We apologise for the inconvenience and hope that the two scoreboards will be operational within the next two to three weeks, making sure everyone is kept right up to date again with all the latest team news and other topics from around the club on match days.

### Junior Hatters

Many of our younger supporters will be aware now that there is a separate Junior Hatters club. Membership costs £3 and the initial membership pack includes a Junior Hatters membership card, a badge and a Junior Hatters scarf.

In addition, there will be a number of different activities for all the boys and girls to enjoy. Monthly events are now being organised and will be publicised in our Sheffield Wednesday programme on the Junior Hatters page. So do not forget to look it up on that day.

Membership forms for Juniors are available from our Sports Shop in Kenilworth Road on matchdays and from the Oak Road Sports Shop during the week.

### Function rooms

Many supporters and business people who come to watch our matches may not be aware that our matchday facilities are available to hire during the week.

We have rooms to accommodate from 10 to 110 people in comfort. The facilities are equivalent to the standards usually associated with good hotels. Our catering company is, of course, on hand seven days a week to give the full support needed for organising a successful conference or meeting.

## Special hospitality package

### Luton Town v Notts County

We are offering a very special hospitality package in our new Sponsors Lounge for the fixture against Notts County to be played here on September 28.

This package is offered for this match only at £60 per head plus VAT.

It includes:

- wine reception
- a behind-the-scenes tour of the dressing room, boot room and the medical facilities
- a three-course waitress-served lunch
- match tickets in the New Stand

refreshments during the half-time interval

special player appearances after the match

advertising in the matchday programme

match programmes for each guest.

**This is another excellent value-for-money hospitality package and I hope it will be well supported. But remember, as there is only a limited availability, it is always best to book early to avoid being disappointed. Enjoy tonight's match.**

### 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 Grzybowska, Commercial Manager Tel (0582) 411622

### 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.



Our sponsors' man-of-the-match against Oldham was Mick Harford. He is pictured after the match with representatives of Castle Roofing who were joint sponsors for the fixture.

# Team check

VOUCHER NUMBER 5



Official kit sponsors



Official ball sponsors

## 2 LUTON TOWN

Team Manager:  
David Pleat

White/blue shirts, blue shorts.

Alec Chamberlain

Matthew Jackson

John Dreyer

~~Telfer~~ Darren McDonough

Graham Rodger

~~Beaumont~~ Trevor Peake

David Preece

Brian Stein

~~Gray~~ 1 Mick Harford

Mark Pembridge

Steve Thompson

~~Negan~~ 1

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## BIRMINGHAM 2

Team Manager:  
Terry Cooper

Yellow shirts, yellow shorts.

Martin Thomas

Ian Clarkeson

John Frain

Louie Donowa

Ian Atkins

Paul Marden

Ian Rogerson

Mark Cooper

Dean Peer

Nigel Gleghorn

Simon Sturridge

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Linesmen: P. J. Brennan (red trim)

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