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# David Pleat



**W**elcome to the men from Highbury. Let us hope the fare on display this morning makes it worthwhile to have been dragged away from our Christmas firesides.

George Graham has kept continuity at Arsenal and been repaid. His greatest strength has come from keeping faith with the Highbury youth policy which has brought him two league championships. Most of the teams at the top this year have players who have been bought for high fees. Leeds United and Manchester United have bought their success.

Earlier this year, we played passively at Arsenal and limped home beaten 2-0. Since that time, several experienced players have been brought in to help the majority of younger players around them.

There is no substitute for experience. In recent weeks, I have been pleased with the form of Trevor Peake, Chris Kamara, Mick Harford and, now, Steve Sutton, on loan from Nottingham Forest. Brian Stein also has played his part, but we will need to maintain our standards and a bit more if we are to get on course to realise our goals.

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Our next visitors are Chelsea, a club run by a democratic dictator Ken Bates who says what he thinks and what he passionately believes. He is a man who is not frightened to air his views publicly. I hope their ground arrangements will be sorted out; it appears they have enrolled the services of the Prime Minister as well as Mr Mellor MP so they should soon be sharing with Fulham.

It baffles me that clubs have not realised the economic sense and been more aggressive towards ground-sharing. I am a traditionalist, but one must look to the future and ground-sharing can solve many problems. The Premier League leaves me with several questions unanswered.

Maybe we should look more carefully at the base of the pyramid. While I was searching for a suitable game to watch on December 14 and driving from one ground to another, from Orient to Arsenal to



Mick Harford on the ball against Leeds United.

St Albans and failing, for fog, at all three, I listened intently to the excellent BBC Radio Five.

The Aldershot-Doncaster report was not complimentary and was quite revealing. Doncaster had left home at eight that morning, played in front of 2,000 people and ended up with a goalless draw. If there was ever a time for regionalisation in the lower divisions, it is now.

These clubs, like Northampton and others, are fighting for their very survival. The big clubs, at the other end of this scale, have their attention focussed on the new league with one main intention - to

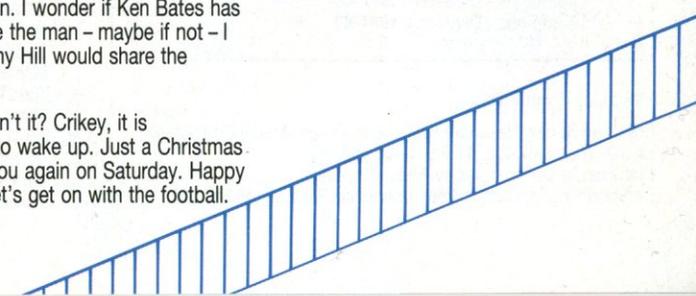
raise the profile and to induce more money from television to pay for mismanagement. The concept of the Premier League is not so far adrift from a streamlined First Division.

Danny Blanchflower used to write about the Mad Hatter. The new tea party will need to involve the football managers' views and it is clear the PFA are upset if they are not driving in the front seat.

In the end, it all comes down to Ron Greenwood's old claim: simplicity is genius. All we require is a democratic dictatorship from within football, the formation of a committee, to change the

voting structure to one club one vote, regionalisation, the number of Division One clubs to be cut by four clubs (for the right reasons) and the formation of a representative group from the PFA, ESFA, the FMA, the FLRLA, the police, the Government, the supporters' clubs and...television. I wonder if Ken Bates has the time to be the man - maybe if not - I am sure Jimmy Hill would share the platform.

Simple isn't it? Crikey, it is 11.30....time to wake up. Just a Christmas dream. See you again on Saturday. Happy Christmas. Let's get on with the football.



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# News Update

## Welcome to Arsenal

□ We extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Arsenal this morning as they visit Kenilworth Road for this Boxing Day fixture. We hope you enjoy the match and have a safe journey home to London.

## Long-serving Jack

□ As our General Manager Bill Tomlins noted recently in his column, Jack Dowling, one of our longest-serving turnstile operators, has retired after 42 years 'on the gates.' Born in Ballyduff, Co. Kerry, in 1911, Jack lived in Ireland and America before settling in Luton and working for SKF for more than 30 years. His first gate-keeping shift at Kenilworth Road was in 1949 when we were in the Second Division. He has taken an opportunity to move to the village of Yardley Hastings in Northamptonshire to be closer to his children and grandchildren. A popular figure, he has left with best wishes from all at the club.

## Aussies enjoying an English winter

□ Two young Australians are currently enjoying life at Kenilworth Road as 'scholarship' trainees with our promising youth squad. They are David Magrone, 17, and Matthew Heighway, 17, both from Sydney. They were selected by the coaching director of New South Wales, David Lee, to experience football in a different country and granted scholarships by the Big Brother movement. This scholarship will not only benefit the two boys' football development, it will also help develop the particularly special relationship between Britain and Australia.

## Giggs wins Young Eagle award

□ Manchester United winger Ryan Giggs won the Barclays Young Eagle of the Month award for November. Other regional award winners were: North-West - Michael Hughes (Manchester United); North-East - Matthew Appleby (Newcastle United); Yorkshire - Alan Fettes (Hull City); Midlands - Scot Gemmill (Nottingham Forest); London/East Anglia - David Hillier (Arsenal); London/South - Fitzroy Simpson (Swindon); Wales/West - Shaun Chappel (Swansea).

## European campaigners aim for the final

□ With both of our Barclays Football League's European survivors safely through to the quarter-finals of their respective competitions, the chase is on for a third UEFA Cup place for the season after next. Last year, English teams headed the qualifying points table and a similar co-efficient this time, of around 12.5, could be enough to secure an additional UEFA Cup place.

With four entrants to European competition this season, 50 points - the co-efficient is worked out by dividing the number of teams - is the target. English teams have so far accumulated 26 points, so both Liverpool and Tottenham Hotspur must at least reach their respective finals for there to be a realistic chance of claiming an extra UEFA Cup place for season 1993-94.

## All-ticket matches

□ Our forthcoming home Barclays Football League Division One fixture against Chelsea, on December 28, all-ticket. Full details of the ticket sales arrangements for this match is in our Box Office news on page 13.

## December Ticket Office Hours

□ Revised Ticket Office hours will be operating during December and the Christmas and New Year holiday periods, as follows:

Today, Thu 26	9 am to kick-off and after the match until 2.30 pm
Fri 27	10 am to 4 pm
Sat 28	9 am to kick-off and after the match
Mon 30	10 am to 4 pm
Tue 31	10 am to 4 pm

These hours are subject to change (depending on the FA Cup third round draw). For all Ticket Office and Membership enquiries, please call Cherry Newbery, Ticket Office manager, on 0582-411622 or 30748. A Credit Card Hotline is available 72 hours before a match on 0582-30748. The Ticket Office is now open on non-match Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm.



Two of our youngest supporters, Junior Hatters Kathryn Oddy and Claire Newbery, met up with Santa Claus at the Juniors' Christmas party recently. But can you guess who was the man behind the mighty beard that night? Answer in Saturday's programme against Chelsea.

# Inside view

By Bill Tomlins



## Policy is vital for abandoned or postponed games

**O**ur recent postponed fixture at Selhurst Park, against Crystal Palace, highlighted to me just how important it is to have a good policy in place for these circumstances. For the clubs and for the supporters it is vital to know what the outcome will be and if, and how, any difficulties with abandoned games could be resolved.

At Palace, for example, we assumed that, as there had been inspections at 3pm all around London on Friday to assess the conditions for the Saturday games, there would be an inspection at 3pm on Saturday. As it was, following instructions from the Football League, it was an inspection on Sunday morning at 10am which proved decisive.

In my own view, had the inspection taken place at 3pm the previous day, it might have been a very different story. However, I must add that conditions were difficult and particularly on the terraces.

At least the early decision saved both clubs from having a lot of frustrated or angry customers left waiting outside or even, as

it has been known in the past, sitting inside the ground.

It was with these thoughts that I pondered our own arrangements. We work on the principle that if a game kicks off and is played for up to 45 minutes before it is abandoned (like Cambridge's game with Blackburn a couple of weeks ago) then we will offer the disappointed spectators half-price tickets for the rearranged game.

The only provisos are that the spectators must bring their original tickets with them when they come to buy their rearranged match tickets. Fans who watch from the Kenilworth Road Stand can collect vouchers on their exit to use as their half-price reduction factor.

It is far more difficult of course when a game is abandoned or postponed in late and embarrassing circumstances. One I recall clearly was our fixture at Nottingham Forest on November 28, 1987, when the ground was filled with fans ready for the kick-off and the match was called off, because of fog, at five to three. The referee simply could not see to officiate at the match.

Back in 1960-61, of course, there was the very famous episode when our cup-tie with Manchester City was abandoned after Denis Law had netted six times...only to end up on the losing side when the match was rearranged. Denis is reported to have remarked at the replay that the pitch, which had been waterlogged originally, was in an even worse state the second time around.

One little-known postscript to this story was that the referee did not actually abandon the game originally, but instead called the players off. It was only when he went in the dressing rooms and found them all in the baths that he realised he had little choice.

There have been other similar events. In 1966-67, for instance, we met Tranmere Rovers here in a match which maybe should not have gone ahead. The visibility was so poor none of the spectators could see the game, but the referee judged it good enough for him and the players as he could see both ends of the ground.

In 1967-68, there was another controversial one when the Fourth Division clash with Darlington was abandoned after nine minutes. Could you imagine that happening today? And what sort of reaction would there be? I do not think there was any question of a refund then when, quite clearly, the game should not have started. It is a good thing we have a proper policy in place today.

I am pleased also to say that we now have an 'adopted' ladies football team again, the Luton Ladies, and a strong rival squad to keep them on their toes with the formation of a Supporters Club ladies' team. Our Luton Ladies, I understand, have been enjoying a very successful season to date and have a good chance of winning honours.

Our reserves, incidentally, played for the last time at Creasey Park, Dunstable, on Monday night, December 16, against Fulham and will be playing all their Combination fixtures next year here at Kenilworth Road. We are very grateful to the chairman, directors, officials and ground staff of Dunstable Town FC for their kindness in allowing us the use of their pitch.

Finally, a warm Christmas welcome this morning to George Graham and the chairman and directors of Arsenal who are the defending Barclays Football League champions. I hope they enjoy all but the result of their visit. Happy Christmas.

## Captain's diary

By Trevor Peake



### Team spirit will help us through

**M**erry Christmas! I would like to start by welcoming Arsenal to Kenilworth Road and I congratulate them on their fine championship victory last season.

I had the misfortune of facing Arsenal the Saturday after they won the title while I was at Coventry. We lost 6-1 and I scored a classic own goal, so today I am out for a little revenge!

I cannot comment on the game last Friday due to the Christmas printing deadlines, but hopefully we have secured the points so that we can go into today's game with added confidence. We know today's match will be one of our hardest yet. Arsenal are a strong side and need the points over Christmas to stay in the championship race, we need the points too in our battle to stay up.

With so many games over the Christmas period, things can change dramatically, particularly with three points for a win. We are lucky that three of these matches are at home so it is up to us to take full advantage of the situation. Remember, the gap between ourselves and the rest of the strugglers is not a big one.

The team spirit was typified again recently, not on the pitch this time, but at our annual Christmas Party. The theme for this year was fancy dress and some of the outfits were cracking. The beer was flowing and so were Kurt Nogan's lovely long locks! You can see us in our glory on pages 14-15 of today's programme.

We have reached our lowest point in the season and now the only way is up. The youngsters are learning all the time and with a little help from us older pro's they can go on to achieve big things. We have shown, particularly against Leeds, that for an hour we are more than a match for any side. With have been working hard on tightening up during the last half-hour, so hopefully you will see a more meaner Town side on the pitch today.

We have another chance to revitalise our season with the FA Cup coming up in a couple of weeks. We would have preferred an easier game, but we have proved that we are capable of beating Sheffield United on their own turf. We are due a good Cup run and usually in this competition a team who is struggling in the League emerges as a dark horse. We aim to make this team Luton. Enjoy the game



Our players always enjoy their own Christmas party and are pictured above in fancy-dress while on the right is a team group of the Luton Ladies who are doing exceptionally well this season.



Mark Pembridge in action this season against Manchester United in a personal duel with former England captain Bryan Robson.



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# Junior Hatters

With Alec Chamberlain.



This morning we give a warm welcome to the Junior Gunners who are here with us for today's game. I hope you all, Junior Hatters and Junior Gunners, had a great Christmas Day with all the presents you wanted!

I bet there were plenty of football shirts in the stockings and plenty of other souvenirs from the club shops. Father Christmas must have had a busy time.

It was a shame the trip to Crystal Palace was called off last Sunday. The ground was very hard frozen and the terraces were icy. I do not think the referee had much option.

The coach for our trip to Nottingham Forest on New Year's Day leaves at 12 noon. Please remember to bring a packed lunch with you....and do not be

late. If you are unable to take your seat, please let Bev Tyler know as there is a reserve list of Juniors hoping to join us.

On Saturday, we will be at home again to Chelsea. I saw them play Manchester United on television on Sunday afternoon. They looked a pretty good team to me.

The lads are going to need all the support they can get both today and for that match. I hope you will make sure they can hear you loud and clear. Give them an extra loud cheer today.

This morning's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is 0183, which means SIMON KING is the winner of two free tickets to one of our home matches. To claim your prize, Simon, please call into the Oak Road Sports Shop with your membership card.

## Match Mascot



Today's Junior Hatters match mascot is JAMES GIBBONS. He is 11 years old and goes to Foxdell Junior School. He is interested in billiards, pool and swimming and plays football for his school.

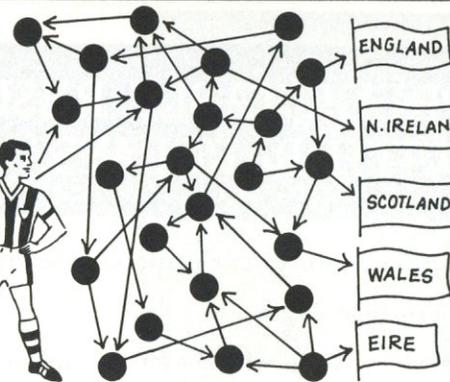
## Match Mascot



We also have a Junior Gunners mascot from Arsenal this morning. His name is Dominic Poth, 15, and his hobbies are swimming, badminton and football. His favourite players are David Rocastle, Paul Merson and Ian Wright.

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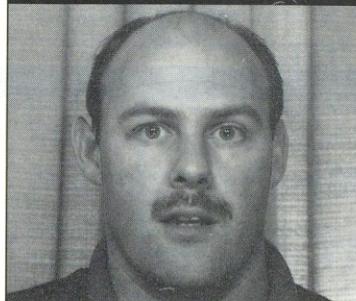
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## Fans' view

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Job: Press Operator.  
1st home game: v Hartlepool 1967/68.  
1st away game: v Chesterfield 1967/68.  
Favourite player (past): Ricky Hill.  
Favourite player (present): David Preece.  
Best goal last season: Mark Pembroke v Aston Villa (a).  
Best goal ever: Brian Stein v Oxford, Littlewoods Cup semi-final, 1st leg, 1988.  
League grounds visited: 52.  
Favourite away ground: Derby County  
Most memorable match: Littlewoods Cup final, 1988.  
All-time Luton: Aleksic, John Ryan, Buckley, Rioch, Foster, Paul Futcher, Hill, Preece, Harford, Macdonald, French. Subs: Horton, Moss.

### Service to Mankind

Dear Sir,

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With their help, we made the magnificent sum of £1,593.78. Would it be possible to express our thanks in your next home programme? Saying this will help us to carry on our 'Service to Mankind' which is our motto also.

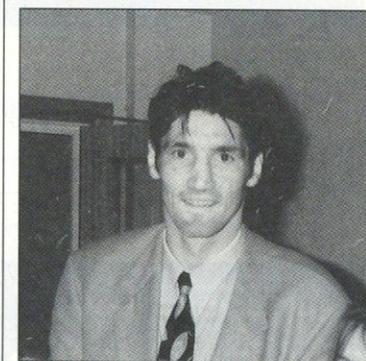
Gweny Nixon,  
Area Assistant Treasurer,  
St John Ambulance,  
County of South and West Yorkshire,  
Sheffield.

### Well done, Mick

Dear Sir,

May I through your column congratulate Mick Harford on yet another excellent performance last Saturday against Leeds United. Mick's example and consistency have been quite superb recently and he is always a delight to watch with his old-fashioned centre-forward play. Well done, Mick.

A. Port,  
Stevenage Road,  
Knebworth,  
Herts.



Mick Harford

### Pen pal please

Dear Sir,

I am a football and ice hockey programme collector and I would like to correspond and exchange materials with my British colleagues.

Please can you publish my name and address in your programme so that I can put my appeal to the fans of your fine football club.

I am 20-years-old and a student. My collection consists now of about 1,200 programmes, 250 guide books and other materials on football and ice hockey.

I have many pen pals in the Soviet Union and abroad and I want to have some in England as well. Please help me by publishing this letter.

Andrei Nazarov  
34-38 Morisa Toreza Pr,  
194223 St Petersburg,  
USSR.

### Looking good

Dear Sir,

May I say how much I have enjoyed reading this season's match day programme. It is much improved in quality and presentation. I particularly like the layout and pictures and always enjoy reading the very interesting articles throughout the programme. Keep it up and a happy Christmas and New Year to everyone at the Club

Chris Richardson,  
Langbridge Close,  
Hitchin

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NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY OF THE MATCH.  
Normal League prices and guesting facilities apply.

## Barclays League Division One Nottingham Forest v Luton Town

New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1, 1992, kick-off 3pm

Seat tickets are available from the Ticket Office until Monday, December 30, priced at £11.00 (no concessions) and also on the day at Nottingham Forest. Supporters wishing to stand can also pay on the day at the turnstile, priced £7 (no concessions).

## Barclays League Division One Liverpool v Luton Town

Saturday, January 11, 1992, kick-off 3pm

THIS IS AN ALL-TICKET MATCH FOR LUTON SUPPORTERS.  
Seating tickets are available from the Ticket Office priced at £11 (no concessions) until Friday, January 10, 1992, at 4pm. No standing accommodation is available.

## Football Association Challenge Cup round three Sheffield United v Luton Town

Saturday, January 4, 1992, kick-off 3pm

Tickets for seats for this cup-tie are available from the Ticket Office priced at £11.50 (no concessions) and they will also be available on the day at Bramall Lane. Standing accommodation will be available on the day at the Bramall Lane Terrace turnstiles 7, 8, 9 and 10, priced at £6 (no concessions).

### Ticket Office Hours

The Ticket Office will be open for the following hours in the next week: Today (Thursday, 26 December) 9 am - kick-off and until 2.30 pm after the match; Tomorrow (Friday, 27 Dec) 10 am - 4 pm; Saturday, 28 Dec 9 am - kick-off and after the match; Monday, 30 Dec 10 am - 4pm; Tuesday, 31 Dec 10 am - 4pm; New Year's Day (Wednesday, 1 Jan, 1992) Closed. For all inquiries please call Cherry Newbery, Ticket Office Manager, on 0582 - 411622 or 30748.

## How to get to...

### NOTTINGHAM FOREST

By road: Take the M1 north to junction 24 and follow signs for Nottingham (South) to Trent Bridge. Turn right for Radcliffe Road, then left into Colwick Road for ground.

Street parking and a 300 space car park are available.

Nearest railway: Nottingham (B/R).

### SHEFFIELD UNITED

By road: Follow the A57 from either junction 31 or 33 of the M1 motorway. At the roundabout, take the third exit into Sheaf Street. Then at the second roundabout take the fifth exit into St Mary's Road (sign-posted Bakewell). Continue for half a mile and ground is on the left.

Street parking and city centre car parks are available.

Nearest railway: Sheffield (B/R).

## Travel Club

Bookings for the Bobbers Travel Club can be made in any of the following ways:

1. From the ticket kiosk at the Kenilworth Road turnstiles before any first-team game 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 NOTTINGHAM FOREST will be £6.00 adults and £5.00 OAP's/children, with coaches leaving Cranfield at 10.30 am and Luton at 11.30 am, with the usual pick-up points en route.

Fares for the trip to SHEFFIELD UNITED will be £7.50 adults and £6.00 OAP's/children, with coaches leaving Cranfield at 9.30 am and Luton at 10.30 am, again with the usual pick-up points en route. See page 4 for ticket details.

# Action replay

Pictures by Josh Levy

From The Brewery Tap  
December 11, 1991  
The Luton Town players' Xmas party  
Attendance: Fancy-dress only  
Referee: AWOL (Watford)



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As in previous years, the players enjoyed their traditional Christmas party in costumes which left many guessing who was who -- especially the young nurse who happened to wander in unexpectedly just before kick-off. Even Batman paid a visit—before revealing his real identity in an interview on page 19. Happy Christmas.

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# Today's visitors

By Luke Nicoli

## Welcome to Arsenal

ARSENAL FOOTBALL CLUB 1991/92 SEASON



**Standing (left to right):** Gary Lewin (physiotherapist), Pat Rice (youth team coach), Paul Davis, Andy Linighan, David O'Leary, Tony Adams, Steve Bould, Alan Smith, Paul Merson, Colin Pates, Stewart Houston (first team coach), George Armstrong (reserve team coach).  
**Seated (left to right):** Craig McKernon, Perry Groves, David Seaman, Kevin Campbell, David Rocastle, Anders Limpar, George Graham (manager), David Hillier, Siggijonsson, Michael Thomas (now Liverpool), Alan Miller, Lee Dixon, Nigel Winterburn.

League Champions Arsenal have not made the start to the season they would have liked, although most clubs would be more than content with the fifth place they currently occupy.

Such was the remarkable achievement of last season, winning the League Championship with just one defeat and 18 goals conceded, most soccer pundits and supporters constantly compare last term's achievements to this season.

The major reason for the Gunners rocky start was the omission due to an ankle injury of Steve Bould in defence. A 'colossus' last season, the much underrated centre-half missed all of August, September and October during a period in which Arsenal let in more goals than they did during the whole of last season. Add to this the injury to tenacious midfielder David Hillier, and it can be seen that the Gunners found the backbone to their team was missing.

One bright point this season has been the re-emergence of David Rocastle in a new central midfield role. Now constantly involved

in the Gunners' build-up play, 'Rocky' earned an England recall last month for the crucial European qualifier in Poland.

Another bright spot has been the acquisition of Ian Wright from Crystal Palace for a club record £2.5 million. Already paying back some of the fee, Ian scored on his debut against Leicester City and followed up with four at Southampton and a single strike against Chelsea. With a forward line containing the likes of Wright, England's Alan Smith and Paul Merson, Anders Limpar, Kevin Campbell and Perry Groves, no longer can the claim 'boring Arsenal' be justified.

The major downpoint to Arsenal's season 1991/92 so far has been the early exits from both the European and Rumbelows Cups. After a fine 6-2 victory on aggregate to Austria Memphis, the Gunners had the unenviable task of facing one of the seeded teams, Benfica. Despite a very creditable 1-1 draw in the Stadium of Light, George Graham's men disappointingly went down 3-1 at home, Colin Pates scoring the consolation goal, his first for the club.

The Gunners Rumbelows Cup disappointment came at Coventry. A solitary strike by in-form City striker Kevin Gallagher

meant the only route to the Twin Towers this season is in the FA Cup.

Arsenal's up-turn in honours during the last five years is a result of George Graham's appointment as manager. He has the side playing the way he wants. That is, grinding down the opposition, but also having enough flair to take control of more difficult opponents. It is interesting to note that most teams in the title race have already had a good run this season, Arsenal, like Liverpool have yet to enjoy such a sequence.

Arsenal were formed in 1886 by the workers at Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, playing under the title Dial Square. They changed their name to Woolwich Arsenal when they gained entry to the Football League. In 1913 they moved to Highbury and became known as Arsenal F.C.

George Graham is the club's ninth post-war manager in a list which includes such famous footballing names as Tom Whittaker, Billy Wright and Bertie Mee. The Gunners' Championship triumph last season was their tenth. They had previously won the trophy in 1931, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1938, 1948, 1953, 1971 and 1989. They have also won the FA Cup on five occasions, in 1930, 1936, 1950, 1971 and 1979. The Gunners have won the League Cup once in 1987.

## Gunners On Parade

**DAVID SEAMAN** (goalkeeper) - David joined Arsenal from Queens Park Rangers in May 1990 for £1.3 million, a record fee for a goalkeeper. He started his career at Leeds, but failed to make the grade at Elland Road so in 1982 he moved to Peterborough United. He established himself as a good, young keeper at Birmingham before Rangers signed him for £250,000 in 1986.

**LEE DIXON** (defender) - Lee began his career with Burnley in 1983 but did not win a regular place at Turf Moor. After brief spells at Chester City, then at Bury, he was transferred to Stoke City for £40,000 in 1986. He joined Arsenal for £400,000 in 1988 and his form the following season launched him into England contention. He finally got his chance last term and has been a regular at right-back ever since.

**NIGEL WINTERBURN** (defender) - Left-back Nigel made his league debut for Wimbledon in 1983 after unsuccessful spells at Birmingham City and Oxford Utd. His potential was recognised in the Don's side, and after four seasons at Plough Lane he became Kenny Sansom's successor, signing for Arsenal in a £350,000 deal. Nigel is an England international.

**STEVE BOULD** (defender) - Steve made his League debut at Stoke in 1981, but before winning a regular place, he went on loan to Torquay United. He eventually made over 180 league appearances for the Potters before signing for Arsenal for £390,000 in 1988. He has since gone on to win England B caps after an impressive season in 1990/91.

**ANDY LINIGHAN** (defender) - Andy has come into the side this season to replace Tony Adams while the captain recovers from a hernia operation. He started his career at Hartlepool United in 1981 and went on to play for Leeds, Oldham and Norwich before joining the Gunners in a £1.5 million deal in July 1990.

**TONY ADAMS** (defender) - Club captain, Tony was an outstanding performer during last season's Championship campaign, which resulted in a recall to the international scene with England. Yet another player who came through the youth ranks at Highbury, Tony made his debut as an 18-year-old v Sunderland in 1983.

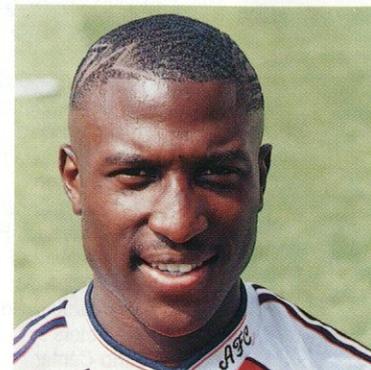
**DAVID ROCASTLE** (midfield) - A product of Arsenal's successful youth team policy, David was introduced to the First Division as an 18-year-old in 1985. Almost immediately he became a member of the England under-21 side and went on to win 13 caps at that level. After two seasons of injury and a loss of form, David is back to his best in a new central midfield role and has also earned a recall to the England side.

**DAVID HILLIER** (midfield) - David made his League debut for the Gunners in a Rumbelows Cup tie at Chester early last season, but he had to wait until the New Year before really establishing himself in the heart of the Arsenal midfield. His tough tackling and good ball skills were a major factor in the Gunners push for the title. Unfortunately an ankle injury has prevented him from continuing in the same vein this term.

**ANDERS LIMPAR** (forward) - A revelation last season, Anders was signed from Cremonese for £1 million in July 1990. He started his career with Orgryte in his native country of Sweden, before moving to Young Boys Berne in 1988. A year later he moved to Italy but joined Arsenal after Cremonese were relegated. Anders is a Swedish international.

**ALAN SMITH** (forward) - Top-scorer in all of his four seasons at Highbury, Alan won his second Adidas Golden Boot Award after scoring 22 league goals last season. He was signed from Leicester City for £800,000 in 1987 after enjoying a prolific spell at Filbert Street, where he was the leading scorer on two occasions. A fine leader of the line, Alan is now established as an England regular alongside former Leicester partner Gary Lineker.

**KEVIN CAMPBELL** (forward) - Kevin made his name in the Arsenal youth side three years ago, scoring over 50 competitive goals. He made his first-team debut that season at Everton but had to be content with a place in the reserves the following year. After fleeting appearances in 1989/90, Kevin came to prominence during the second half of last season, scoring many valuable goals.



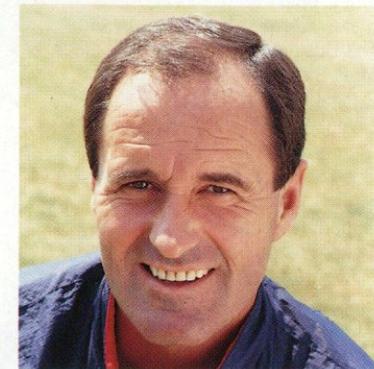
Kevin Campbell

**PAUL MERSON** (forward) - Another player nurtured in the youth team at Highbury, Paul made his debut in 1986/87, but really came to prominence in the First Division during Arsenal's Championship season of 1988/89. Last season Paul played in a more wider role and scored 13 league goals, his best ever total. This term Paul's fine form has been rewarded with a call-up to the England side to face Germany.

**IAN WRIGHT** (forward) - Signed from Crystal Palace for £2.5 million two months ago, Ian started his career playing Sunday football in the parks of south-east London. Palace quickly signed him in 1984 and he went on to form a prolific goalscoring partnership with Mark Bright. After his arrival at Highbury, he scored on his debut at Leicester and followed up with a hat-trick at Southampton.

**PERRY GROVES** (forward) - Perry started his career at Colchester in 1982 and spent four years at Layer Road before becoming Mr Graham's first signing in 1986. He has proved to be a bargain buy at £60,000 and has made valuable contributions, when called upon, to Arsenal's Championship successes.

## Meet the Boss



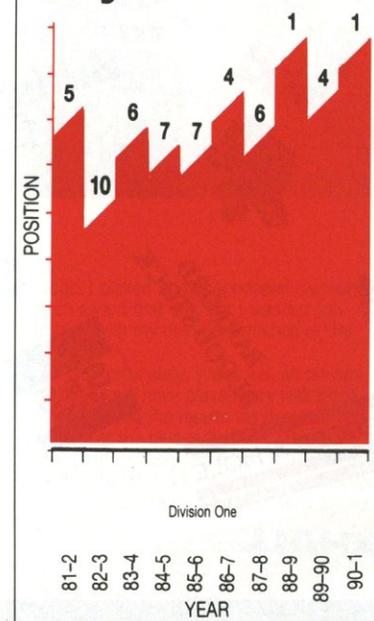
### GEORGE GRAHAM

Born in Bargeddie, Scotland in 1944, George started his Football League career as a sprightly 18-year-old at Aston Villa. He made his debut in 1963 and it was while he was at Villa Park that he won the first of his Scottish under-23 caps. A year later he was transferred to Chelsea where he became established as one of the game's brightest young talents, playing alongside his great friend and now Tottenham rival Terry Venables.

He scored a fine 35 times in 72 appearances at Stamford Bridge, and became a full Scottish international, prompting Arsenal to sign him in 1966. It was while he was at Highbury that he earned the nickname 'stroller', now playing in a deeper midfield role. George was a member of the famous double side of season 1970/71 and still believes he scored the all important first goal in the FA Cup final of that historic year against Liverpool, although the goal has since been credited to team-mate Eddie Kelly. In 1972 George was transferred to Manchester United, but he never really re-captured his past form. After brief spells in the late seventies with Portsmouth and Crystal Palace, he retired in 1977.

George teamed up again with Venables at Palace and became coach, learning the skills which were to take him into management with Millwall in 1983. After guiding the Lions into Division Two, he joined Arsenal in 1986 after Don Howe's resignation. George has gone on to become one of the games finest managers and tacticians, leading the Gunners to two Championship wins and one League Cup win in his five years at Highbury.

## 10 year record



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# Player profile

## Chris Kamara

Most of us have a good excuse for a hangover this morning, but for Chris Kamara, our experienced midfielder, there is a double reason for having enjoyed December 25. For not only was yesterday Christmas Day in the Kamara household, it was also Chris's own birthday.

For a footballer, of course, that means nothing at all as the day before any match is spent resting and preparing for the game which lies ahead. "Last year, when I was at Leeds, I was injured and so for the first time in my career I could be at home in the evening and celebrate my birthday.

"But the thing was that I could not enjoy it... After all my years in the game, what I really wanted was to play... not be sitting around injured, even on my birthday on Christmas Day!"

This year, Chris was due to spend yesterday at home with his family in Leeds and travel down to Luton last night to join up with the Town squad in a hotel in preparation for this morning's match here at Kenilworth Road.

Chris, recently recovered from a severe ankle ligament injury, joined the Town in time to make his debut early in November in the home match against Everton. He said the move came unexpectedly and quickly and that it was not an easy decision to make.

"I had a lot to consider, but the manager convinced me it was a good move and said I could continue to do a good job here at Luton for at least two more years. I knew I might not get more than 12 games at Leeds if I had stayed and if they won the title that would not be enough to have picked up a medal with them this season.

"I had only been fit again for three or four weeks. I could have stayed, but I made the move for the sake of my career. After the Everton game, I wasn't so sure about things

### CHRIS KAMARA FACT FILE

Born: Middlesbrough, 25.12.72  
First club: Portsmouth  
FL debut: Portsmouth v Luton Town (0-2) 6.9.75  
Former clubs: Portsmouth, Swindon, Portsmouth, Brentford, Swindon, Stoke, Leeds.



though! I picked up the sponsors' man-of-the-match award that day, but I was not too satisfied with my own performance or the team's.

"But fortunately, it was just an off-day and I think we have played very well since without getting the results we deserve. The potential at the club is fantastic. There are some terrific young players and I expect lads like Paul Telfer, Mark Pembroke, Scott Oakes and Des Linton to be a part of the Luton team for years.

"The thing is that we are just not getting the breaks at the moment. It can be like that when you are down at the bottom. We are doing everything but not putting the ball in the

net. We are not having any luck, but that will change.

"We know Arsenal are a very good side and I expect them to be at the top with Leeds and Manchester United at the end of the season. George Graham, their manager, is an old friend of mine from my Portsmouth days when we were there together and it would be nice to put one over him this morning.

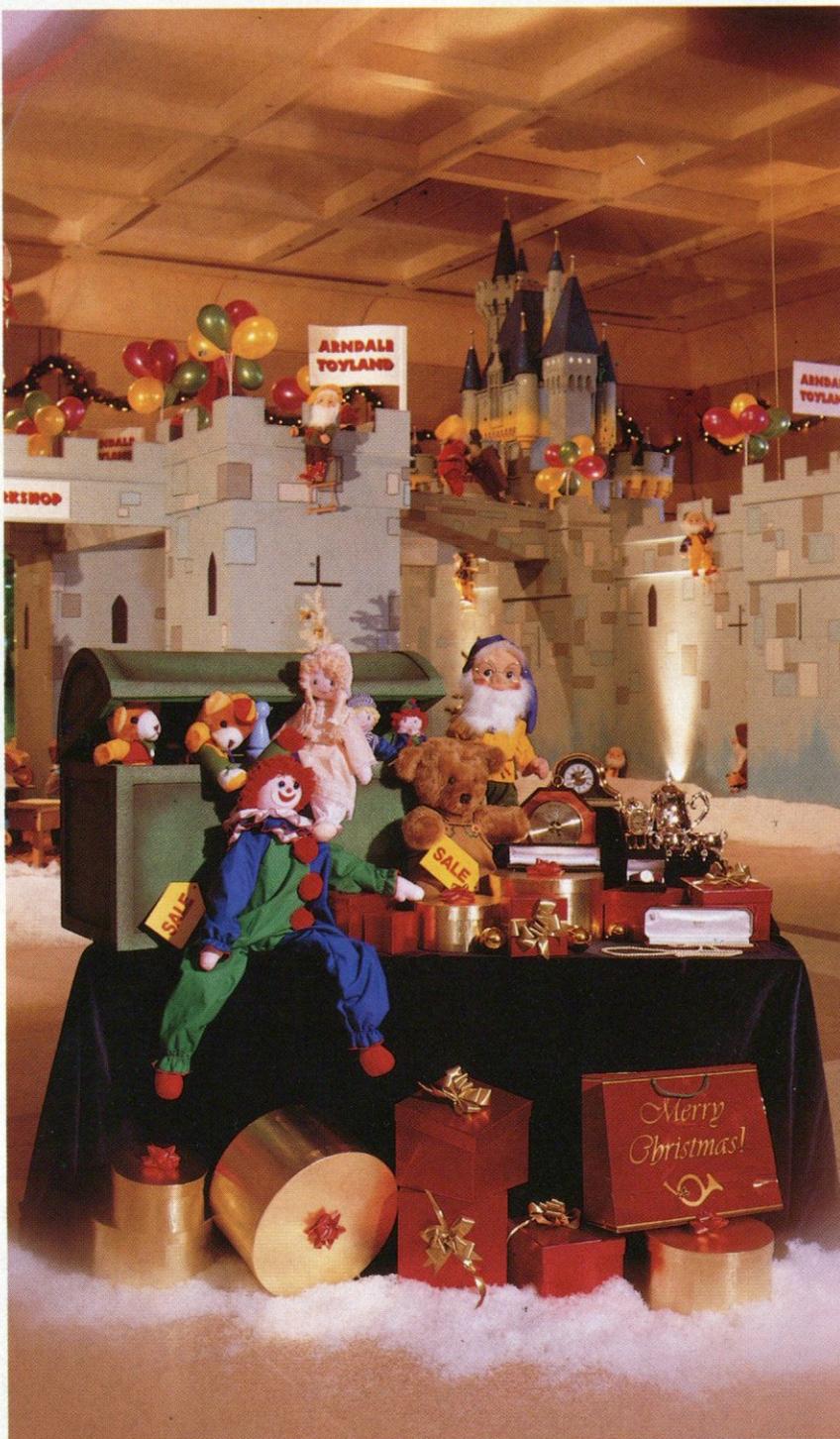
"Whatever the result, I expect us to start translating our ability into results soon. There are at least nine or 10 teams in the league who are not as good as us and it is up to us to prove it now. We need to get a result to earn some breathing space."



Autograph

*Chris Kamara*

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## The one we will never forget

*Littlewoods Cup Final, April 1988*

*Luton Town 3  
(B. Stein 2, Wilson)*

*Arsenal 2  
(Smith, Hayes)*

Brian Stein delivered the most dramatic and significant parting shot in Luton Town's history on Sunday, April 24, 1988, when he scored his second goal and the team's third in an unforgettably rousing 3-2 victory over Arsenal in the Littlewoods Cup Final at Wembley.

Who, except Andy Dibble, could argue with Stein's claim to a place in the record books as the Hatters' most famous match winner on the day he made the final appearance of his first spell at the club?

There were less than 15 seconds remaining - some observers claimed only nine - when Stein, in his benefit year, met substitute Ashley Grimes' awkward low left-footed volley from the right with a perfect, stinging finishing shot.

Reacting first, with all the instinctive speed of a born scorer, Stein shrugged off a challenge by Arsenal's right-back Nigel Winterburn to shoot first time beyond goalkeeper John Lukic.

As the ball nestled in the back of the net, Stein broke from a suffocating mob of human celebration among his team-mates to ask the referee how much time remained.

The answer came with a shrill whistle. It was over, two-goal Stein, playing with his arm encased in a special cast to protect a healing fracture, had led Luton to victory. It was their first major triumph in English soccer - and won in the tournament from which they were expelled the previous season for refusing to abandon their home-members only scheme.

There were other heroes, of course. And none more than Dibble, the Welshman who had emerged from a long spell of semi-obscurity in the reserves to perform with remarkable skill, agility and bravery after regular first team goalkeeper Les Sealey had suffered a shoulder injury in a League match against Sheffield Wednesday on April 5.

Dibble played superbly, saved a penalty and contributed as much in defence as Stein had in attack by scoring early on to open the game up and then adding the winner with only a few nailbiting seconds remaining.

In between Dibble and Stein was Danny Wilson, the Northern Ireland midfielder, who had stooped to head the equaliser after Arsenal had taken the lead in the second half through Smith and Hayes. His equaliser came with just seven

minutes remaining. His was a non-stop performance, full of running, strenuous effort and pure professionalism.

In midfield too was Ricky Hill, returning to serious first team action for the first time since breaking a leg at Everton the previous Boxing Day. He played with economy and assurance, scarcely a ball was wasted.

David Preece was also making a comeback after injury and, like Hill, he played with great style and purpose, reminding everyone of his fine qualities on an afternoon of warm sunshine and stirring drama, until he was overtaken by fatigue.

Either man could have owed their inclusion to the cruel absence of Darron McDonough. He had expected to play, but was injured in training 24 hours before kick-off when he suffered badly damaged knee ligaments.

As a result of McDonough's injury and the unavailability of former Gunner Ian Allinson, the Hatters were forced to field a midfield acutely lacking in match practice and experience.

Kingsley Black, 19, with barely a handful of first team games behind him, was included. He played with exceptional composure and delightful skill on the left wing. He played a vital part too in the second goal, helping Mark Stein to set up brother Brian for a shot which rebounded before Wilson stooped to score. Black's performance attracted the interest of both the Northern Ireland and England team managers, and a few days later he chose to play for Billy Bingham's team.

For Hatters fans, they were all heroes that day.

Tim Breacker forgot his anguished appearance in the bitterly disappointing Simod Cup Final to produce a full-blooded and robust performance; Captain Steve Foster recovered the form which had eluded him since a painful cheekbone fracture sustained in the semi-final against Oxford; Mal Donaghy, always under-valued, but so reliable, played without putting a foot wrong; and Rob Johnson, in at left-back instead of Ashley Grimes, completed a solid defence which survived a wobbly spell in the second half.

Last, but not least in the rollcall of heroes, came Mick Harford, the fearsome striker whose very presence in the team always offered a chance of unexpected victory.

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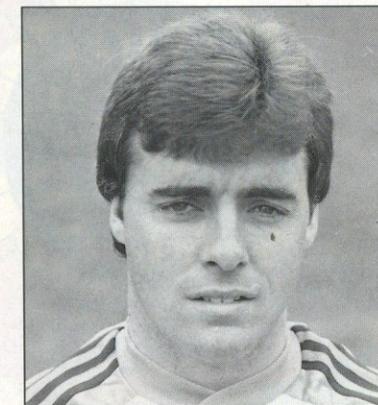
It was a glorious day for Luton Town and a day of unrivalled satisfaction for manager Ray Harford. The tall, open and honest Yorkshire-born coach, in his first season in charge after one year's work under John Moore had taken a gamble on the fitness of Hill and Preece, the nerve of Dibble and the temperament of Black.

He also gambled on his tactics. Knowing Arsenal would include a left-footed player at right-back - Winterburn, whose low penalty was brilliantly saved by Dibble - the manager included Black to replace Mark Stein.

For Harford, it was the greatest moment of his career, but it was not until the tension drained away and the free-wheeling celebrations began that he could enjoy his achievement.

That came later on that Sunday night at the Savoy Hotel in London where the Luton party revelled in their victory and where chairman David Evans articulated it all when he said with a tremour in his voice: "This is it. This is the greatest night in the club's history."

*Extracts taken from "Luton Town - A Pictorial Celebration Of Their Cup History" by Timothy Collings*



*Mal Donaghy, steady and composed throughout his Town career, but never more than at Wembley.*

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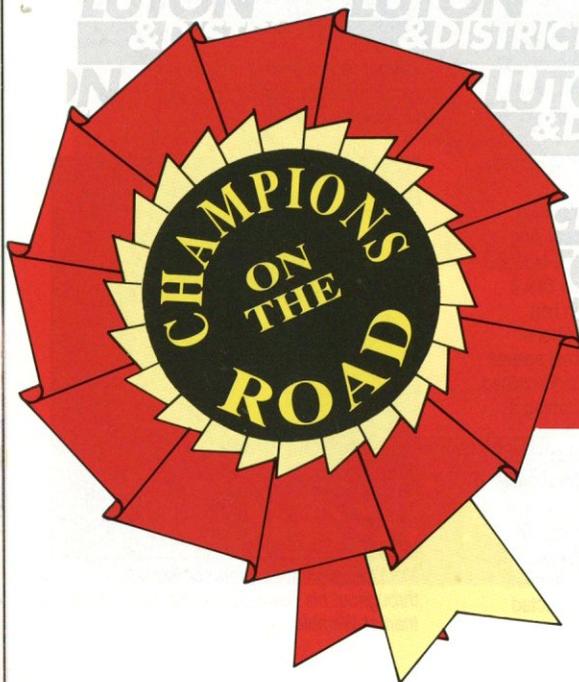
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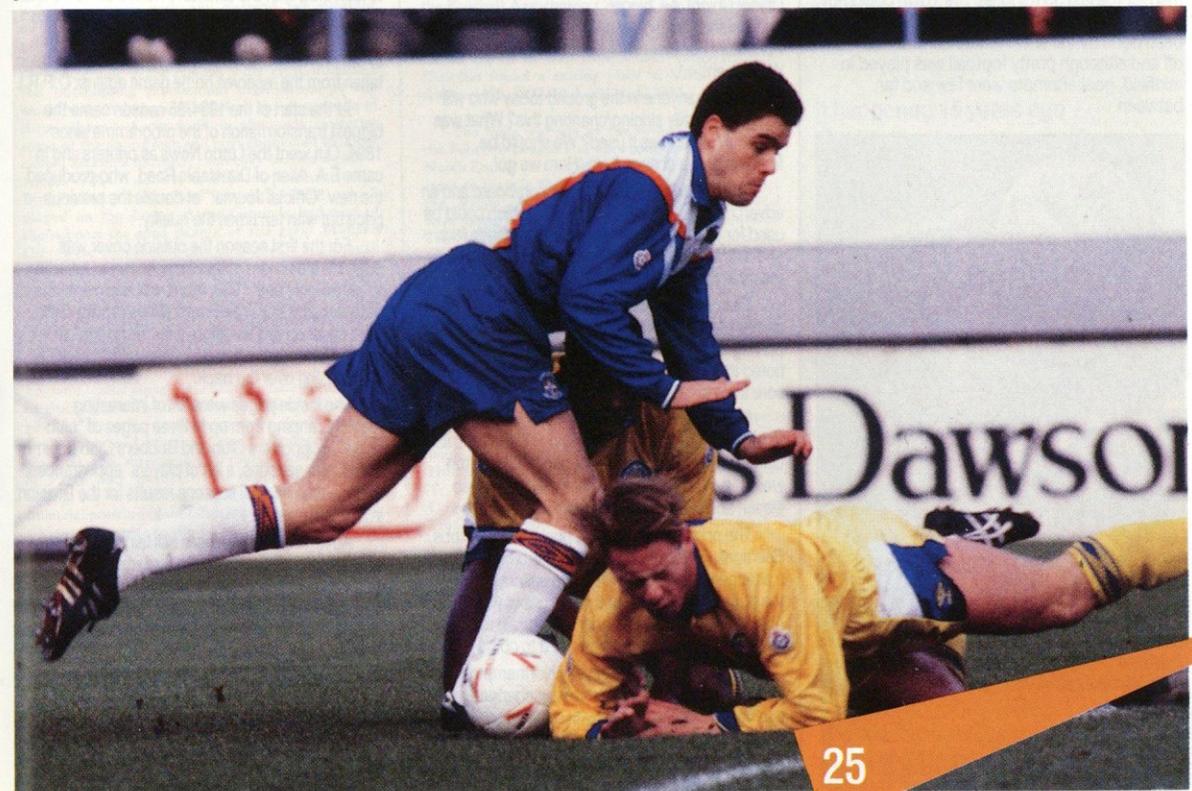
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Mark Pembridge (above) is pictured in typically attacking action during our clash with Leeds United. Richard Harvey (below) takes a tumble during the same game.



# Looking back

By Roger Wash

## The Last Time We Met...

August 27, 1991

Barclays League Division One

Arsenal 2 (Merson, Smith)  
Luton Town 0

Referee: P. Foakes (Clacton)

Attendance: 25,898

Luton Town: Chamberlain, Beaumont (Jackson), Rodger, Peake, Dreyer, Pembridge, Preece, McDonough (Farrell), Black, Stein, Gray.

Arsenal: Seaman, Dixon, Winterburn, Thomas, Linighan, Adams, Rocastle, Davis, Smith, Merson, Limpar.

Despite the fact that Arsenal were down to 10 men for the last 35 minutes, the Town could not make a breakthrough. The damage had already been done by the time Anders Limpar was sent off and although pretty football was played in midfield, goal attempts were few and far between.



Matthew Jackson, now at Everton, made his League debut at Highbury earlier this season.

## A-Chinga! Who remembers the crazy chorus of the post-war years?

This is the second part of a special article in which Roger Wash is reviewing the history of the club programme.

Following the great war, big changes took place with the Luton programme. Gone were the awkward folded sheets with little or no reading material!

The front cover featured the season, the match number (full programmes were produced for reserve games as the attendances then justified it), the date and an advert for True-Form shoes which remained for nearly 40 years.

The inside front page had a 'comments' section and in a programme I studied (v Crystal Palace 10/11/28), most of the small space allocated is taken up by a run-down of the Palace players.

I picked this programme because the comment section finishes with the inclusion of the Luton "chorus" which many people had asked to see. It goes like this:

Zee-la - zee-baal!  
Zee-la - zee-baal!  
Luton bella! Luton bella!  
Ching! Ching! A-Chinga!  
And we shall be for Luton!  
For Luton! For Luton! For Lu-ton!  
Wa - a - ah!

Is there anyone in the ground today who will admit to actually singing/chanting this? What was the tune? When was it used? We should be told....makes a change from 'Here we go'.

Page three gave a half-time scoreboard and an advert for "Genoxide Bath Powder" which could be used for preventing pyrorrhoer, whilst pages four and five showed fixture lists for the first team and reserves together with more adverts.

The centre pages had the team line-ups in 1-22 surrounded by adverts. "The White Sheik" was playing at the High Town Electric Cinema, whilst it is noted that Elliman's Embrocation could be used for sore throats.

Pages eight and nine were completely devoted to reviews of all the films showing in the town's six cinemas, page ten showed league tables (Luton were top of Division Three South), whilst pages eleven and twelve were yet more adverts.

The price was 1d and the printers were Gibbs, Balmforth (Luton News). The programme underwent a change in 1930, when for some unknown reason, the printers decided to use green paper with a feel not dissimilar to blotting paper. This again means that mint condition copies are hard to come by.

Looking at a typical issue (v Northampton 31/8/31), the front cover remains unchanged, page two has a full page advert, with page three completely dedicated to comments with now only a passing mention of the opposition.

Pages four and five are given over to fixture lists

of the first and second teams, with more adverts, but on the next two pages are head and shoulder portraits of club players and officials, together with a column entitled "Query Corner".

The only problem with this column is that several answers are given but no reference is made to the question!

The centre pages are as before, but on pages ten and eleven a column is given up to "footballing quotes" and another is dedicated to the Supporters Club who were hoping to exceed 3,000 members by the end of September. The annual subscription was 1/- (5p).

The following two pages are given to the local cinemas (down to five now), while the remainder of the programme consists of more adverts plus the previous year's league table. All in all slightly better than before and certainly providing more reading material for 1d than its predecessors.

By 1934, the programme was really beginning to look tired with the cinema review, club notes and footballing quotes all replaced by adverts and one column comparing attendances and gate receipts to the previous season (net receipts of £14 has been taken from the reserves home game against Q.P.R.).

At the start of the 1934/35 season came the biggest transformation of the programme since 1894. Out went the Luton News as printers and in came E.A. Allen of Dunstable Road, who produced the new "Official Journal" at double the previous price but with ten times the quality.

For the first season the outside cover was edged in a different colour for each issue, reverting to yellow only until 1938, then back again until the outbreak of war. "True-Form" shoes provided the front cover advert as before with "Partridge" of Chapel Street advertising bicycles (at just over £6 each) taking over the back.

The inside pages were full of interesting reading, ranging from up to three pages of "club notes", Supporters Club and Bobbers Club columns and in later seasons, a list of players' appearances, attendances and full seasons results for the Division in acoustic format.

Advertising content was still fairly heavy, but seemed less obtrusive due to the larger page size and superior design, which certainly gave the impression that a great deal of thought and care was given to the production which was issued for all first team and reserve games.

Season 1938/39 saw a photograph of a first team player or official given away with each Division Two programme (21 in all), but before the club had the chance to repeat or increase the gift, war broke out to halt production of what must have been one of the better club issues of the time.

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The cradle of the famous Villa club, doubtless the outstanding professional organisation of the world, was a Wesleyan Chapel on the Aston side of Birmingham. Away back in the early seventies some of the young men and boys connected with the chapel kicked a football; then they formed a club—Aston Villa. It was a bold step, because the Birmingham Cricket and Football Club, which played on the Lower Aston Grounds, had most of the support the good people of the great Midland City were prepared to give to Soccer, but although the youthful Wesleyans had very little in the way of friends and very little knowledge of the game they played, they stuck to their guns, and in due course received a certain amount of support.

Then George Ramsay, for so many years the guide, philosopher and friend of football in 'Middle England,' came along. He brought Glasgow football to Birmingham and he made the Villa. A playing pitch at Perry Barr was secured at a yearly rental of five pounds and the first 'gate' amounted to five shillings and three pence. Trouble, however, arose at Perry Barr owing to the landlord's knack of asking for—and obtaining—a higher rent as the financial position of the Club improved. Eventually a move was made to the Lower Aston Grounds, the

'pitch' being officially opened during Easter Week, 1897. Now the Lower Aston Ground is Villa Park, the most famous football ground in England.

In the sixty years that have come and gone since the youthful Wesleyans kicked a ball in 1874 the 'Villans' of Villa Park have done great things in football and for football. In 1887 they met their neighbours, West Bromwich Albion, in the Final of the Football Association Cup and won by two clear goals after beating Glasgow Rangers in the Semi-Final. This final tie, played at the Oval, drew a record crowd of well over 20,000! Since 1887 the Cup has found a resting place at Villa Park five times—1895, 1897, 1905, 1913 and 1920.

The Villa was one of the original members of the Football League and were runners-up to Preston North End in its first season. The championship came to them in the season of 1893-4. Altogether the 'Villans' have 'topped' Division I six times and have been runners-up on seven other occasions. Their greatest 'failure' came the season before last, when for the first time in their history they had to play in League II football, but many will contend that this 'failure' did more good to soccer than perhaps anything previously or since. That the 'Villans' are all out to regain their lost prestige is only too well known and should they ultimately succeed at the end of the present season no one in Luton will not say them nay.

A list of famous players who have worn the famous claret and light blue shirts would doubtless fill a book but a few can be mentioned. Archie and Andy Hunter, A. Brown, H. Vaughton, Dennis Hodgetts, T. Robertson, John Davey, Howard Spencer, J. Cowan, H. Hampton, T. Waring, W. H. Walker, Frank Barson and W. E. Thoughton.

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### Did you know?

Our first League meetings with Arsenal took place in the 1897/98 season, with the Gunners performing the double - 2-0 at Dunstable Road and 3-0 at Plumstead.

### It happened five years ago

26/12/86 - A 2-0 home defeat by near neighbours Watford saw Peter Nicholas miss a penalty. Ricky McEvoy came on as a substitute to make his League debut.

### It happened ten years ago

26/12/81 - The Town's match at home to Cambridge was called off before Christmas because of the state of the pitch.

### It happened 15 years ago

27/12/76 - It is still a mystery how the Town contrived to lose 1-0 at Orient despite dominating the game. The defeat pushed Luton back to 14th position.

### It happened 20 years ago

27/12/71 - A monster crowd of 31,391 watched the Second Division game at Hillsborough where goals from Don Givens and Peter Anderson secured a 2-2 draw against Sheffield Wednesday.

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# Our next match

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## CHELSEA

Chelsea came into season 1991/92 aiming to live up to the expectations placed upon them as potential First Division champions.

The signing of influential midfielder Vinny Jones from Sheffield United, along with Paul Elliott from Celtic, Tom Boyd from Motherwell and prolific striker Joe Allon, were seen to be the missing parts to a jigsaw which already contained the likes of captain Andy Townsend and Dennis Wise.

Early season form seemed to justify these claims as Chelsea moved to third spot in the table following impressive wins at Tottenham and Sheffield United. To add to this, all the aforementioned signings were playing well, much to the delight of boss Ian Porterfield.

As the Blues went into October and November, however, it was clear that the champions' tag was far from becoming realised. Defeats at the hands of Arsenal (3-2), Leeds (1-0), Norwich (3-0) and Southampton (1-0) meant that, by mid-December, Chelsea had won only two league games since the end of September.

The main reason for the loss of form has been the loss, through injury, of influential midfielder Townsend. The Eire international had a double hernia operation in October, although much to the relief of Blues fans, he has recently returned to the side.

Another is the loss of form of Kerry Dixon. The usually prolific striker went 12

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games without a goal, although with the recent acquisition of Clive Allen, a £250,000 signing from Manchester City, Kerry will be hoping to cement a successful striking partnership.

The bright point to Chelsea's season so far has been their success in the Z.D.S. Cup. The Blues have progressed to the Southern Area semi-final after defeating Crystal Palace 1-0 at Selhurst Park at the beginning of the month.

Fixtures against Chelsea have a habit of being highly-entertaining affairs, especially at this time of year, so make sure you do not miss this one here on Saturday as the Town did decline the First Division table.



Lars Elstrup in action during our 3-3 draw at Chelsea last season.

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Brian Stein and Mick Harford are pictured in action in the 1-1 draw at Sheffield United.





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# Guest spot

By Ian Allinson

## Gunning for the Hatters!

A player who has graced the stages of both Kenilworth Road and Highbury, Ian Allinson is now a successful player/manager with Beazer Homes League outfit Baldock Town. After establishing himself as a tricky left-winger with Fourth Division Colchester United, it was a dream come true for Ian when Terry Neill signed him in 1983.

“It was a very pleasant surprise when I heard that Arsenal were interested in me. As one of the biggest clubs in the country it was a great honour to sign for the club, although initially I found it tough adjusting from what I had been used to.

“I spent seven months in the reserves before actually making my debut but I soon felt settled and was given great encouragement from my colleagues such as Kenny Sansom and Tony Woodcock who already had a wealth of talent behind them. My debut was pleasing on a personal level, as I played well and kept my place in the side, but a nightmare for the club. We lost to Walsall in the Milk Cup 2-1 and our manager Terry Neill was sacked.”

Ian's most successful period came during season 1985/86 when he was a regular fixture in the side. At the time, captain Kenny Sansom proclaimed Ian 'one of the best goalscorers at the club.'

Ian will be remembered mostly at Highbury for his Littlewoods Cup semi-final replay goal against

Tottenham, which set the Gunners on the way to victory against their arch rivals.

“That was definitely the high point of my career at Arsenal. Although the match is now a blur, I can still see the sense of relief on the faces of the players and supporters.

Ecstasy turned to despair though for Ian as he was left out of the squad to face Liverpool at Wembley. Arsenal won the match and sparked Ian's departure from Highbury.

“I had heard in the pipeline that Luton were interested in signing me, but at the time the club were going through managerial changes with Ray Harford taking over from John Moore, so as the start of the season was approaching and I had heard nothing, I joined Stoke. The move didn't really suit me as I lived in Stevenage, so I was relieved when Luton finally made their move and signed me.

“I joined the club during the successful late eighties. Playing under Ray Harford, there was an aura of confidence which swept through the side.

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Playing at such a friendly club also helped me settle in with ease and the cup runs of 1988 will always stay with me.

“I knew I would be cup-tied if we reached Wembley in the Littlewoods Cup, so I aimed to enjoy the occasion and take in the atmosphere at the Simod Final against Reading. Playing at Wembley was magic and it was a relief to finally walk out on the Wembley turf.

Ian finished his League career with another spell at Colchester before taking up a post as manager of Baldock, combined with a job at the brewers Ind Coope.

“I have used all my experience gained during my League career and have tried to put them all into practise with Baldock. It is a lot harder actually organising and being responsible for a team than just being a member. We are not a bad side, we have had our ups and downs, but we have just had a good FA Cup run which has given the whole club a lift. It takes time, but we'll get there in the end.”

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

**Dec 7** - The Town look good for an hour but finally concede to a Leeds side, who look championship material, 2-0.....Manchester United remain top following an emphatic 4-0 against struggling Coventry City.....other notable results are Everton's 4-0 win over West Ham at Goodison Park and Sheffield Wednesday's 3-0 against Chelsea, which keeps them in third place.....In the FA Cup, second round, there is only one upset, Maidstone lose to Conference side Kettering 2-1.....Crawley are also in the hat for the round following a 2-0 victory at Diadora League outfit Hayes United....Barnet win the north London derby 4-1 at Enfield.

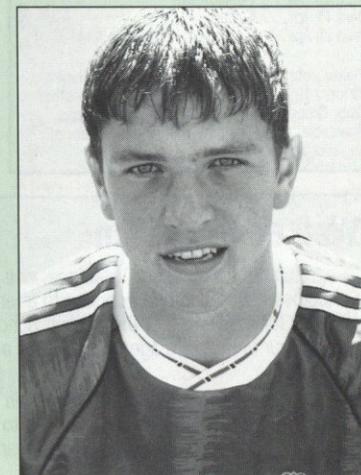
**Dec 8** - Nottingham Forest win a thrilling televised game 3-2 over champions Arsenal. Marseille's lead at the top of the French First Division is cut to three points following a 0-0 draw with Lyon.....Nearest rivals Monaco win 4-1 at Nancy.....Eintracht Frankfurt remain top in Germany despite drawing 1-1 with Fortuna Dusseldorf.....Stuttgart are now level with Frankfurt on 26 points after a 2-0 win at struggling Duisburg.....The Milanese derby ends 1-1, which is good enough to keep A.C. Milan at the top Serie A in Italy.....Juventus, their nearest rivals beat Roma 2-1.....Charlton sign Sheffield United defender Chris Wilder for £250,000 and

West Ham striker Leroy Rosenior on a month's loan.

**Dec 11** - Ray Lewington is temporarily in charge of team affairs at Fulham after manager Alan Dicks leaves the club by mutual consent.....Further transfer movement at Upton Park as Charlton sell midfielder Andy Peake to Middlesbrough for £125,000.....David Kelly also moves to the north-east after agreeing a £300,000 move to Sunderland from Leicester City.

**Dec 12** - Arsenal midfielder Michael Thomas joins Liverpool, the club whose title aspirations he wrecked two years ago, in a £1.5 million deal....Wimbledon boss Peter Withe appoints former Huddersfield boss Mick Buxton as his assistant. Manchester United's championship hopes are given a big boost with the news that last season's Young Player of the Year, Lee Sharpe, is fit and in contention to make his first appearance of the season.

**Dec 14** - The Pools Panel sits for the first time this season due to fog and frost covering the country....Leeds' game with Tottenham goes ahead with United moving back to the top of the table following a 1-1 draw. David Howells and Gary Speed are the scorers.



Lee Sharpe, back to full fitness and ready to make his first appearance of the season for Manchester United.

# 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	0-1
Mon 23 Sept	Millwall	0-1
Tues 1 Oct	West Ham United	1-0
Mon 7 Oct	Oxford United	2-2
Sat 12 Oct	Tottenham Hotspur	3-3
Mon 14 Oct	Norwich City	2-1
Sat 19 Oct	Arsenal	1-0
Mon 21 Oct	Millwall	2-2
Fri 25 Oct	Leighton Town	1-0

Mon 28 Oct	Chelsea	0-2
Sat 2 Nov	Portsmouth	0-2
Mon 11 Nov	West Ham United	0-0
Mon 18 Nov	Tottenham Hotspur	4-1
Mon 25 Nov	Wimbledon	1-1
Thurs 28 Nov	Potterton (BPC)	3-5
Mon 2 Dec	Brighton & Hove Albion	2-1

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
Crystal Palace	20	11	6	3	35	21	39
Chelsea	18	12	2	4	41	19	38
Southampton	17	11	4	2	32	14	37
Q.P.R.	19	12	1	6	38	22	37
Arsenal	21	10	5	6	41	27	35
Norwich City	17	10	1	6	35	20	31
Portsmouth	21	10	1	10	38	39	31
Ipswich Town	21	8	4	9	38	42	28
Swindon Town	17	8	3	6	30	27	27
Wimbledon	18	7	5	6	29	21	26
<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>
Tottenham Hotspur	16	7	4	5	28	22	25
Oxford United	19	7	2	10	32	44	23
Fulham	19	6	3	10	20	27	12
West Ham United	15	5	3	7	28	27	21
Millwall	17	4	6	7	26	34	18
Watford	16	6	0	10	24	33	18
Charlton Athletic	17	4	3	10	21	36	15
Brighton & Hove Albion	20	3	3	14	23	44	12
Reading	18	3	1	14	23	62	10

up to and including 15.12.91

## RESERVES - APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

Football Combination		Bedfordshire Premier Cup		Football Combination		Bedfordshire Premier Cup	
App	Goals	App	Goals	App	Goals	App	Goals
Allpress	13	1		Murray	3(4)	1	
Beaumont	2	1		Newman	-	1	
Brittain	1	1		Nogan	10	7	(-1)
Campbell	16(3)	1	1	North	1	1	
Dreyer	2	-	-	Oakes	3	-	-
Elliott	(-1)	-	-	Petterson	12	-	-
Gillard	7(1)	-	-	Preece	5	-	-
Goodfellow	(-1)	-	-	Rees	17	3	-
Greene	4(6)	1	1	Rodger	4	-	-
Gormley	2	-	-	Rogers	(-1)	-	-
Harvey	8	4	1	Salton	15	-	-
Glover	1	-	-	Shanley	9(1)	-	-
Harvey	6	-	-	Skelton	5(2)	1	-
Holsgrove	12(1)	1	1	Smith	1(1)	-	-
Holtam	1(4)	-	-	Sommer	7	-	-
Howard	1	-	-	Stein	3	-	-
Hughes	6	-	(-1)	Sutton	(-1)	-	-
Jackson	2	-	-	Telfer	4	-	-
James	5(1)	-	-	Thompson	1	-	-
Linton	2	-	-	Tighe	2(3)	-	-
McDonough	1	-	-	Williams	15(2)	2	-

up to and including 16.12.91

## Well done Steven

Congratulations to Steven Goodridge, one of our Associated Schoolboys, who has been chosen to attend training at Lilleshall for the last 20 of the English Schools trials. Steven plays in our under-15's age group and is a right-sided midfield player.

Steven comes from Milton Keynes and his father is the manager of the Coldharbour Wanderers. He goes to Denbigh Secondary School and is a member of the Buckinghamshire County Schools under-15 team.

Steven has been training with us at our Centre of Excellence since he was 11. Well done, Steven.

## Merry Christmas Everyone

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone here this morning a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are grateful for the continuing support for the club at all levels. If you want to keep in touch with all that is going on throughout the festive holiday season, ring our Soccerline on 0839 664466 to get all the latest news, views and results.

## Match Digest

Fixture: Luton Town v Wimbledon

Venue: L.T.F.C. Training Ground

Date: 7.12.91

Competition: South East Counties League

Result: 0-2

Team: Hancock, Philp, Skelton, Ryan, Simpson, Greene, Murray, Rogers, Newman, Hartson, Elliott, Subs: Draper, Goodfellow.

Coach's comment: Wimbledon were a very solid side and gave us little time on the ball. Our boys stayed in the match until the last 15 minutes when Wimbledon scored twice. We must work hard to compete with those type of teams and then our passing and moving will bring results.

## 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	2-0
Mon 16 Sept	Norwich City (SJFC R)	1-0
Sat 21 Sept	Brighton	4-2
Sat 28 Sept	Oxford United	1-3
Tues 1 Oct	Birmingham City (SJFC)	3-2
Sat 5 Oct	Brentford	1-0
Sat 12 Oct	Crystal Palace	0-1
Sat 19 Oct	Tottenham Hotspur	4-0
Wed 23 Oct	East Throckro Town (FAYC 1)	5-0
Sat 26 Oct	Bristol City (SECLC 2)	1-2
Sat 9 Nov	Southampton	1-1
Sat 16 Nov	Bristol Rovers	5-1
Sat 23 Nov	Southampton	1-1
Tues 26 Nov	Aston Villa (FAYC 2)	1-0
Sat 30 Nov	Tottenham Hotspur	4-1
Sat 7 Dec	Wimbledon	0-2
Tues 17 Dec	Norwich (FAYC 3)	1-1
Sat 21 Dec	Bristol City	
Sat 4 Jan	Maidstone United	
Wed 8 Jan	Norwich (FAYC 3R)	
Sat 11 Jan	Swindon Town	
Sat 18 Jan	Bournemouth	
Sat 25 Jan	Aldershot	
Sat 1 Feb	Oxford United	
Sat 8 Feb	Brentford	
Sat 15 Feb	Crystal Palace	
Sat 22 Feb	Tottenham Hotspur	
Sat 29 Feb	Reading	
Sat 14 Mar	Bristol Rovers	
Sat 21 Mar	Southampton	
Sat 28 Mar	Wimbledon	

## FA Youth Cup 3rd Round Replay

Norwich City v Luton Town

This fixture will be played at Carrow Road on Wednesday, January 8th, 1992, kick-off 7 pm. Admission by seat only, prices being £4 Adults, £2 for Senior Citizens/Children.

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIVISION 2

SEASON 1991-92

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wimbledon	13	9	3	1	46	10	21
Brentford	14	10	1	3	31	16	21
Crystal Palace	14	9	2	3	39	14	20
Southampton	14	8	4	2	23	15	20
Oxford United	13	9	0	4	40	17	18
<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>
Brighton & Hove Albion	15	8	1	6	34	23	17
Reading	12	6	1	5	30	28	13
Bristol City	13	6	1	6	16	21	13
Swindon Town	15	5	2	8	13	27	12
Maidstone United	13	4	1	8	19	29	9
Bristol Rovers	14	4	1	9	27	51	9
Tottenham Hotspur	15	3	1	11	17	43	7
Aldershot	14	3	1	10	18	49	7
Bournemouth	16	1	3	12	16	33	5

Up to and including 14.12.91

## YOUTH TEAM - APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

	S.E.C.L		S.J.F.C.		S.E.C.LC		F.A. YTH CUP	
	App	Goals	App	Goals	App	Goals	App	Goals
Brittain	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brookes	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Draper	2(2)	-	(-1)	-	-	-	-	-
Elliott	13	-	3	-	1	-	3	2
Goodfellow	7(1)	2	2	1	-	-	2	-
Greene	14	1	3	1	1	1	3	1
Hancock	14	-	2	-	1	-	3	-
Hartson	6(4)	6	1(1)	1	1	-	1(1)	-
Holtam	13	3	3	-	1	-	3	1
McDonough	7(1)	4	3	2	-	-	1(1)	1
Murray	12	1	3	1	1	-	3	-
Newman	9(3)	4	(-1)	-	(-1)	-	2(1)	2
Philp	14	-	3	-	1	-	3	-
Rogers	12(2)	4	3	-	1	-	3	-
Ryan	13	2	3	-	1	-	3	-
Simpson	2(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skelton	10(3)	1	3	-	1	-	3	-
Smith	2(5)	-	-	-	-	-	(-1)	-
Sutton	7(4)	2	(-1)	-	(-1)	-	(-2)	-
Watkins	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Woolgar	1(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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# Facts and fixtures



## BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

19th December, 1991

Home						Away								
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts		
19	7	3	0	21	3	—	1.	Manchester United	6	2	1	14	7 +25	44
20	7	3	0	17	7	—	2.	Leeds United	5	4	1	18	7 +21	43
19	7	2	1	23	10	—	3.	Sheffield Wednesday	2	3	4	9	12 +10	32
19	6	2	1	14	7	—	4.	Liverpool	2	6	2	8	8 +7	32
20	4	3	3	13	12	—	5.	Manchester City	5	2	3	14	12 +3	32
20	6	1	3	17	10	—	6.	Aston Villa	3	2	5	11	15 +3	30
18	6	1	2	18	9	—	7.	Arsenal	2	4	3	17	15 +11	29
20	6	3	1	19	7	—	8.	Everton	2	2	6	11	17 +6	29
18	4	2	3	13	15	—	9.	Crystal Palace	4	2	3	17	21 -6	28
19	4	5	1	14	11	—	10.	Norwich City	2	4	3	12	13 +2	27
19	6	1	2	22	15	—	11.	Nottingham Forest	2	1	7	11	15 +3	26
20	3	4	3	16	16	—	12.	Chelsea	3	3	4	10	14 -4	25
17	3	0	5	11	11	—	13.	Tottenham Hotspur	4	3	3	15	14 +1	24
19	4	5	1	20	15	—	14.	Oldham Athletic	2	0	7	9	15 -1	23
19	5	2	3	16	11	—	15.	Wimbledon	1	3	5	8	14 -1	23
19	5	1	4	13	6	—	16.	Coventry City	2	1	6	7	16 -2	23
20	2	4	4	10	14	—	17.	Q.P.R.	3	3	4	9	14 -9	22
19	2	3	4	8	10	—	18.	West Ham United	2	4	4	11	17 -8	19
20	4	3	3	13	11	—	19.	Sheffield United	1	1	8	13	24 -9	19
19	3	1	5	11	17	—	20.	Notts County	2	2	6	9	13 -10	18
19	2	3	5	6	17	—	21.	Southampton	2	2	5	9	12 -14	17
19	2	4	3	9	11	—	22.	LUTON TOWN	0	2	8	3	29 -28	12

## APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS 1991-92

	League		Rmblvs Cup		ZD Cup	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Tim Allpress	—	—	—	—	1	—
David Beaumont	6(3)	—	2	—	—	—
Kingsley Black	4	—	—	—	—	—
Jamie Campbell	1(1)	—	—	—	—	—
Alec Chamberlain	17	—	2	—	—	—
John Dreyer	19	1	1	—	—	—
Sean Farrell	3(1)	—	—	—	—	—
Lee Glover	1	—	—	—	—	—
Philip Gray	7(2)	3	2	3	—	—
Mick Harford	11	5	1	—	1	—
Richard Harvey	10(1)	1	1	—	—	—
Paul Holsgrove	1(1)	—	—	—	—	—
Ceri Hughes	3(2)	—	—	—	1	—
Matthew Jackson	7(2)	—	2	—	—	—
Julian James	5(3)	—	—	—	1	—
Chris Kamara	5	—	—	—	—	—
Desmond Linton	2(1)	—	—	—	—	—
Darron McDonough	9	—	—	—	—	—
Kurt Nogan	5(6)	1	—	1	1	—
Scott Oakes	5	—	—	—	—	—
Trevor Peake	19	—	—	—	—	—
Mark Pembridge	19	—	2	—	1	—
David Preece	12(3)	—	2	—	—	—
Jason Rees	1	—	—	—	—	—
Graham Rodger	11(1)	—	1	—	1	—
Darren Salton	—	—	—	—	1	—
Brian Stein	13(3)	—	1(1)	—	—	—
Steve Sutton	2	—	—	—	—	—
Paul Telfer	10(3)	1	2	—	1	1
Steve Thompson	5	—	2	—	—	—
Martin Williams	—	—	—	—	1	—

## Luton Town F-A Att Pos

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Sept 4	Southampton	2-1	8,055	19	Chamberlain	(Jackson)	<b>HARVEY</b> <sup>1</sup>	McDonough	Dreyer	Peake	<b>GRAY</b> <sup>1</sup>	Preece	(Glover)	Pembridge	Stein	[Beaumont]	[Nogan]
Sept 7	Wimbledon	0-3	3,231	20	Chamberlain	Jackson	(Harvey)	McDonough	Dreyer	Peake	Gray	Preece	Nogan	Pembridge	(Holsgrove)	[Telfer]	[Rodger]
Sept 14	Oldham Athletic	2-1	9,005	17	Chamberlain	Jackson	Dreyer	(McDonough)	Rodger	Peake	Preece	(Stein)	<b>HARFORD</b> <sup>2</sup>	Pembridge	Thompson	[Telfer]	[Nogan]
Sept 17	Queens Park Rangers	0-1	9,085	20	Chamberlain	Jackson	Dreyer	McDonough	Rodger	Peake	Preece	(Stein)	Harford	Pembridge	(Thompson)	[Telfer]	[Nogan]
Sept 21	Manchester United	0-5	46,491	21	Chamberlain	Jackson	Dreyer	Telfer	Rodger	Peake	Preece	Stein	Harford	Pembridge	Thompson	Beaumont	Nogan
Sept 25	Birmingham City (RLC2-1)	2-2	6,315	21	Chamberlain	Jackson	Dreyer	Telfer	Rodger	Beaumont	Preece	(Stein)	( <b>GRAY</b> ) <sup>1</sup>	Pembridge	Thompson	[Salton]	<b>[NOGAN]</b> <sup>1</sup>
Sept 28	Notts County	1-1	7,629	20	Chamberlain	Jackson	Dreyer	(Telfer)	Rodger	Beaumont	Preece	( <b>GRAY</b> ) <sup>1</sup>	(Harford)	Pembridge	Nogan	[Hughes]	[Nogan]
Oct 5	Aston Villa	0-4	16,722	21	Chamberlain	Jackson	Dreyer	Thompson	(Rodger)	Peake	Telfer	Gray	Nogan	Pembridge	(Hughes)	[Stein]	[Beaumont]
Oct 8	Birmingham City (RLC2-2)	2-3	13,252	21	Chamberlain	Jackson	Harvey	(Thompson)	Beaumont	Peake	Telfer	( <b>GRAY</b> ) <sup>2</sup>	(Harford)	Pembridge	Preece	[Nogan]	[Stein]
Oct 19	Sheffield Wednesday	2-2	9,401	21	Chamberlain	James	(Harvey)	<b>NOGAN</b> <sup>1</sup>	Dreyer	Peake	Telfer	Gray	<b>HARFORD</b> <sup>1</sup>	Pembridge	(Preece)	[Hughes]	[Stein]
Oct 22	Ipswich Town (Z.D.S. Cup)	1-1*	7,750	—	Chamberlain	<b>TELFER</b> <sup>1</sup>	Allpress	Hughes	Salton	Rodger	(Williams)	James	(Harford)	Nogan	Pembridge	[Rees]	[Campbell]
Oct 26	Norwich City	0-1	10,514	21	Chamberlain	Telfer	Dreyer	Hughes	Peake	(Rodger)	(Rees)	James	Nogan	Pembridge	Oakes	[Linton]	[Harvey]
Nov 2	Everton	0-1	8,022	21	Chamberlain	(James)	Pembridge	Kamara	Dreyer	Peake	Telfer	Hughes	Harford	(Gray)	Oakes	[Stein]	[Nogan]
Nov 16	Tottenham Hotspur	1-4	27,543	22	Chamberlain	(Linton)	Harvey	Kamara	Dreyer	Peake	Telfer	Stein	<b>HARFORD</b> <sup>1</sup>	Pembridge	Oakes	[Nogan]	James
Nov 23	Manchester City	2-2	10,031	22	Chamberlain	(Linton)	Harvey	Kamara	<b>DREYER</b> <sup>1</sup>	Peake	Telfer	Stein	<b>HARFORD</b> <sup>1</sup>	Pembridge	Oakes	Salton	[Preece]
Nov 30	Sheffield United	1-1	21,804	22	Sutton	James	Harvey	Kamara	Dreyer	Peake	<b>TELFER</b> <sup>1</sup>	Stein	(Harford)	Pembridge	Campbell	[Preece]	Salton
Dec 7	Leeds United	0-2	11,550	22	Sutton	(James)	Harvey	Kamara	Dreyer	Peake	Telfer	(Stein)	Harford	Pembridge	Oakes	[Campbell]	[Preece]
Dec 20	Coventry City	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dec 26	Arsenal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dec 28	Chelsea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jan 1	Nottingham Forest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jan 4	FAC 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jan 11	Liverpool	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jan 18	West Ham United	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jan 25	FAC 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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Feb 8	Norwich City	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Feb 15	Manchester City	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Feb 22	Sheffield United	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Feb 29	Leeds United	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mar 7	Crystal Palace	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mar 11	Tottenham Hotspur	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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Apr 12	RLC FINAL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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Apr 25	Aston Villa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
May 2	Notts County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
May 9	FA CUP FINAL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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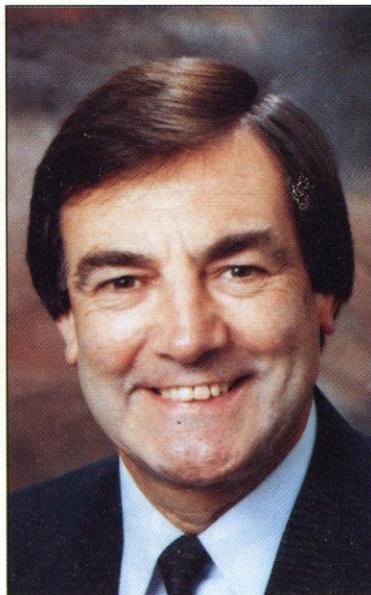
# Business scene

By Wendy Grzybowska and Andy King

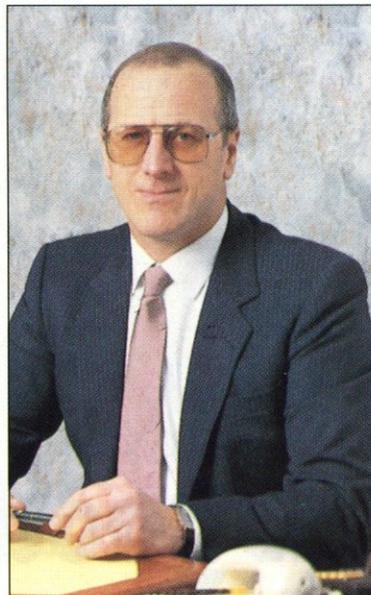


## Innovative companies in the matchday boxes

- The companies entertaining this morning in our matchday executive boxes are H. William and Son Ltd., Televised Sport International (Promotions) Ltd., and Aircargo and Container Services Ltd.
- Televised Sport International are the UK's leading perimeter advertising specialists whose contracted clubs include our visitors this morning, Arsenal.
- TSI have been at the forefront of recent sportsground advertising innovations, being the first company to introduce a three-sided rotary sign and more recently, the first to unveil the new roller blind system at the Arsenal v Spurs derby which was live on television.
- For details of TSI's advertising facilities at all League clubs, telephone (0462) 422441.
- Air Cargo and Container Services Ltd are a local freight forwarder based at Luton Airport. Formed seven years ago, they act as export and import agents for many companies both large and small. Wherever possible A.C.C.S. try to use local services like those that operate through Luton International Airport. This has enabled them to build up a healthy overnight operation to and from Europe. A.C.C.S. see this as the main growth area over the next few years, especially with full membership of the E.E.C. only twelve months away.
- We hope all our sponsors today have an enjoyable morning and that we achieve the three points we need now to start us off for 1992.



Alan Martin of Laings



Cliff Bassett of USA

## Sponsors give children special Xmas treat

A warm welcome to our match sponsors today Universal Salvage Auctions and Laing Chiltern, who have sponsored this morning's match to enable 40 children to have a very special day here at Luton Town Football Club.

We thank Mr Cliff Bassett, chairman of Universal Salvage Auctions, and Mr Alan Martin, of Laing Chiltern for their support.

Universal Salvage first opened its doors 30 years ago from Lyndhurst Road, Luton, and before long the company had expanded into two more sites at Staughton Moor and Kingsway.

Their commitment to expansion and reinvestment of profits led to new branches at Paddock Wood in Kent, Wooton in Bedford which is now the head office and Redbourn.

At this time, the company branches operated as traditional salvage and breakers' yards. However, with further expansion into Chesterfield, Denny in Scotland and more recently into Westbury and Sandtoft, this led to a totally different marketing strategy.

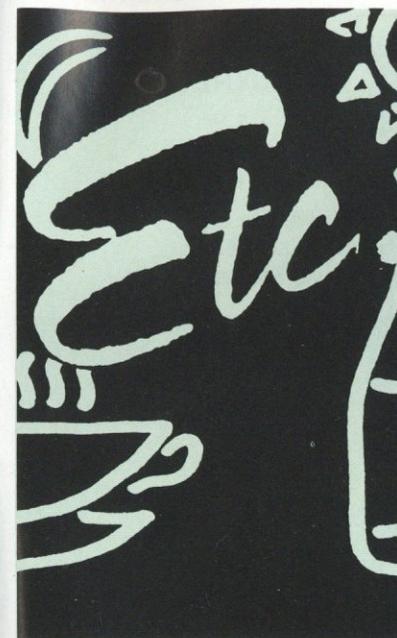
Two years ago, the company held its first auction at Corby and following this success, Redbourn, Wesbury and Sandtoft followed providing the company with a controlled platform of sales on a regulated basis.

The company employs 220 staff and operates a fleet of 42 transporters from eight branches collecting more than 35,000 vehicles a year from all parts of the UK.

Laing Chiltern, the Luton based arm of the national building contractor John Laing Construction, has provided a comprehensive building service in the area for many years and has developed into the region's foremost and largest building company, undertaking a wide range of work, for commercial, industrial and public sector clients.

To each project, large or small, Laing Chiltern brings an approach level of technical expertise, planning and financial management which together provide a competitive service to all clients.

We also welcome as match ball sponsors today Bob Varney of Queensway Print who are based in Bletchley.



# Etcetera

RESTAURANT CAFE BAR

Etcetera  
Restaurant - Bar - Café  
The Alban Arena, Civic Centre, St Albans, Herts  
Telephone 0727 812284

Etcetera Restaurant Cafe Bar is one of a new-style of eating and entertainment establishments with a great atmosphere. Etcetera have supported Luton Town with sponsorships and we hope they, like us, enjoy a successful Christmas period.

□ Tickets will be available from the bar-restaurant during opening hours (7 am - 12 midnight).

□ Etcetera is a new-style bar-restaurant in the heart of St Albans where on production of this programme a free bottle of house wine (for diners only) or 50 pence off a bottle of beer (one per customer) will be given.

□ For further details and reservations, please telephone St Albans (0727) 812284.

□ Etcetera is open six days a week from 7 am to 12 midnight and on Sundays from 7 am to 11.30 pm.

## 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

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John Gornall, Development Executive  
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### 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.



Scott Oakes is pictured presenting John Sullivan of Motorbodies with a memento of his sponsorship of our match with Leeds United.

# Team check

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## LUTON TOWN

Team Manager:  
David Pleat

White/blue shirts, blue shorts.

Steve Sutton  
Julian James  
Richard Harvey  
Chris Kamara  
John Dreyer  
Trevor Peake  
Paul Telfer  
Brian Stein  
Mick Harford  
Mark Pembridge  
Scott Oakes

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## ARSENAL

Team Manager:  
George Graham

Red/white shirts,  
white shorts.

David Seaman  
Lee Dixon  
Nigel Winterburn  
David Hillier  
Steve Bould  
Tony Adams  
David Rocastle  
Ian Wright  
Alan Smith  
Paul Merson  
Kevin Campbell

### The Men in Charge

Referee - R. M. Wiseman (Borehamwood)

Linesmen: W. M. Jordan (Red trim)

G. J. Roderick (Yellow trim)

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