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David Pleat



"I am utterly determined our credibility as a top club will get better and I believe it will. Everyone must play their part in working towards this target"

This afternoon we see the final game at Kenilworth Road in 1991. It has been a traumatic year and we must all hope that 1992 brings the required changes in our fortunes, our organisation and our results. It is not easy as we are in a nasty financial situation and it is the role of the board to make sure that we can be supportive of a top club. The problems are clear to us but with clever management we can cope with the difficulties they present. After all, we have handled it through various means now for more than 10 years. The problems we have now are no different from those problems that Harry Haslam made me aware of when he invited me to join him at Luton Town so many years ago.

Today it is our pleasure to welcome Chelsea, one of the most charismatic clubs in the First Division. They have quality in all positions and one of the finest midfield players in the country. They are particularly well off in some areas and have at this moment four international quality centre-backs competing for two positions: David Lee, Erland Johnsen, Kenneth Monkou and "our own" Paul Elliott.

Some years ago, I helped Paul on his way when I signed him and a short-haired bright spark from Charlton, Paul Walsh. If my memory serves me correctly, we bought the

pair of them for about £400,000 and then did a Luton by moving them on later for considerably more. It is to their credit that they have retained their positions as players at the highest level despite all the ups and downs of a professional career.

I enjoyed meeting the supporters for the first time in the Joe Payne lounge on Thursday, December 12. I felt that the majority of our hard-core loyal supporters had a good understanding of the peculiarities and problems of Luton Town Football Club. However, like me, our supporters have ambitions for the club and do not want to see our credibility damaged in any way. I am determined our credibility as a top club will get better and I believe it will. Everyone must play their part in working to retain and improve on this.

The reserves have now completed their early-season spell of life at Dunstable. It was not the easiest surface to play on and the players have done well to cope. I would like to express my own appreciation and thanks to the Dunstable chairman and board who stepped in to help us in July and gave our own pitch the time it has needed to bed itself down.



John Hartson fires in a shot during our FA Youth Cup third round tie with Norwich City.

After the recent wet night when we played Norwich City in the FA Youth Cup, it would seem the pitch has won our approval in its first year. It will be interesting to see if it stands up to its use in the New Year.

The other day, I brought a young relative to watch a game with me. He had not seen very much football before. Whilst he was impressed with the colour, the excitement and the movement of the game, he was puzzled afterwards. My nephew asked me why the crowd had booed a certain player and I said it was because the spectators had paid to see the game and had the right to do what they wanted. But, he said, the player was on our side? Would it not be better if the fans

cheered him? I replied that, yes, it would be, but the supporters had paid for the right to cheer or jeer and could do as they pleased....

I hope it will not be necessary to hear any jeering in 1992. You supporters have been the backbone of the club during the difficulties of 1991. I am determined to provide you with the highest quality of football and if it should happen that we are unable to retain our status, we shall make sure we have a strong side and bounce back quickly with quality players. That may give a hint of pessimism with half a season to go, but it is not that at all. It is only a look at the very worst scenario. The custodians of our club must do everything to avoid that situation.

In reality, we know there is a long way to go and we shall be doing all we can with a positive frame of mind to produce the results we need. We want everyone, from the smiling tea-lady, to the board of directors, who will have to do their utmost with great enthusiasm, to help pull us out of our present predicament.

Enjoy the game. Let us hope it is as entertaining as so many of our previous meetings with Chelsea. Happy New Year to all.

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News Update

Welcome to Chelsea

□ This afternoon we extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Chelsea. We hope you all enjoy your brief visit to Luton and have a safe and comfortable journey home to London.

New Year greetings

□ We wish all supporters and football followers a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year in 1992.

FA Youth Cup tie goes to replay

□ Our promising young youth team met Norwich City in the third round of the FA Youth Cup here at Kenilworth Road on Monday, December 17. The result was a 1-1 draw, Paddy McDonagh cracking our equaliser with six minutes of play remaining. The replay will be held at Norwich City's Carrow Road stadium on Wednesday, January 8, 1992. Details are on page 35.

McDonough back in action

□ After three months with a knee injury, Darron McDonough returned to active duty on Monday, December 16, when he played 70 minutes for the reserves in their Neville Ovenden Football Combination clash with Fulham. The Londoners, fielding their full Third Division side, won the game 2-0. Graham Rodger, who was also hoping to return to action, was not selected. Both Ceri Hughes and Phil Gray, who have been on the injury list for several weeks, are not expected to be considered for a return until mid-January at the earliest.

Video made to help safety

□ The increasingly high profile of stewards in the safe management of crowds at football matches was recognised recently with the launch of an official Barclays Football League video for the training of stewards. The video has been produced by the Community Affairs Department and four copies of the film have been sent to every league club for their use in pre-match briefings.

Return trip to Sheffield in the FA Cup

□ In a repeat of last year's FA Cup third round tie, we have been drawn to visit Sheffield United at Bramall Lane on January 4, 1992. The full draw is: Huddersfield Town v Millwall, Oxford United v Tranmere Rovers, Leeds United v Manchester United, Notts County v Wigan Athletic, Sheffield United v Luton Town, Aston Villa v Tottenham Hotspur, Norwich City v Barnsley, Burnley v Derby County, Nottingham Forest v Wolverhampton Wanderers, Woking v Hereford United, Brighton and Hove Albion v Crawley Town, Ipswich Town v Hartlepool United, Hull City v Chelsea, Bolton Wanderers v Reading, Bristol City v Wimbledon, Preston North End v Sheffield Wednesday, Oldham Athletic v Leyton Orient, Swindon Town v Watford, Wrexham v Arsenal, Bristol Rovers v Plymouth Argyle, Coventry City v Cambridge United, Farnborough Town v West Ham United, Southampton v Queens Park Rangers, Leicester City v Crystal Palace, Exeter City v Portsmouth, Charlton Athletic v Barnet, Middlesbrough v Manchester City, Bournemouth v Newcastle United, Everton v Southend United, Crewe Alexandra v Liverpool, Sunderland v Port Vale, Blackburn Rovers v Kettering Town.

For the record

□ Biggest league attendances at Barclays Football League matches this season (as December 15, 1991): Division One - 47,185 at Manchester United v West Ham; Division Two - 29,224 at Sunderland v Newcastle United; Division Three - 26,168 at West Bromwich Albion v Birmingham City; 11,848 at Burnley v Mansfield Town.

And who was Santa Claus...?

□ For those supporters still wondering who was the man behind the white beard on page 5 of the Arsenal programme, the answer is that Mick Harford played Father Christmas for the day at the Junior Hatters' Christmas party this year.



Paddy McDonagh pictured in action during the FA Youth Cup-tie with Norwich

Inside view

By Bill Tomlins



The Junior Hatters enjoyed their Christmas party as our pictures show. Alec Chamberlain (above) is pictured with Ian Naylor, seven, perched on his knee Santa (right) is pictured with Graham Beales, 11, Claire Newbury, 9, and Matthew Smith, 11, Santa, as many of you guessed, was Mick Harford.



Value of the Bobbers contribution is not forgotten

Awarm welcome this afternoon to Chelsea for our final home match of 1991. May I take this opportunity to wish all supporters a very happy and healthy New Year.

This will be the first official opportunity our visitors and friends from Chelsea have had to come and see a game at Kenilworth Road for five since the introduction of our Home Only Membership Scheme. In that time public behaviour at football has improved a great deal and we are very glad to have our visitors back with us.

Our local community may have been nervous initially at the reintroduction of visitors to Kenilworth Road on match days, but I think the excellent behaviours of all supporters this season has proved we were right. It was a decision taken only after much thought and deliberation and I am glad to report that we have had no problems.

The introduction of the Membership Scheme in its original form was a big move for the club at the time and it is clear that we were right to make the necessary adjustments for the return of visiting supporters, particularly, as I have said before, when you consider that the

unlimited ban on British clubs' participation in European competitions has already been lifted.

The return of visitors, however, has not been without its own difficulties and in particular for our Bobbers Club members. Since their club is housed in the Oak Road end of the ground it has been impossible to permit it to be open on match days when that end of the stadium is reserved exclusively for the use of visiting fans.

We are obviously well aware of the problems this causes particularly as the Bobbers Club is a vitally important part of our club, but the use of the club on match days was something not approved by the safety committee.

The club knew that there were going to be difficulties with the return of visiting supporters, but it was felt that we did not want to be left out of step with the rest of football or to risk damaging any of our valuable relationships with our colleagues and friends throughout the football world.

It has, as we are aware, prevented the Bobbers Club from making full use on match days of the facilities they normally have open

for seven days a week. But it is felt to have been necessary – and I am, of course, well aware of the marvellous contribution made to the club by the Bobbers over the years.

Formed by a group of supporters in 1933, the Bobbers Club has made probably the single most consistent contribution to the club in the years since. They began under the direction of Philip Wright and have since poured their efforts and money into the club.

To begin with a project was started to build a new, covered stand opposite what was then known as the grandstand and, as a result, the old Bobbers Stand was created with the Bobbers Club underneath it. After this, they turned their attention to the Oak Road end of the ground and began their plans to cover it over behind the goal.

All together, their ambitious schemes were to cost more than £28,000, including the provision of a dozen tea-bars all around different points of the ground. In today's currency this would certainly translate as something in the region of £600,000 which is a very substantial and impressive sum by anyone's reckoning.

How was this done? Well, it was done with a great deal of will and affection for the club. Many people helped to move handfuls of soil themselves in the construction process and all this effort was continuing as late as 1951 when it was still possible to join the Bobbers on an annual basis by sending in a postal order for 1/2d or by taking a life membership for 21 shillings, more commonly known as a guinea.

It was a very happy era and clearly shone through as that with the philosophy of the club being 'the more members we have, the better we work.' Now, with 1992 fast approaching, we are pleased to be associated with all the past works of the Bobbers members', many of who are no longer with us, as we plan ahead for a new era.

We have to plan for 1992 and 1993 in relation to the Membership Scheme and give serious thought, finances permitting, to the relocation of the Bobbers Club from the Oak Road end to a new home, always bearing in mind that there is a probability that we shall be relocating to a new stadium in the future.

That said, the Bobbers Club and their contribution cannot be forgotten now that we have completed the experiment with our Membership Scheme which achieved its objectives.

Captain's diary

By Trevor Peake



All set for a better time in 1992

Hello and welcome again to Kenilworth Road for our game with Chelsea. The Blues have some very good individual players on show today and I'm sure I will have my work cut dealing with Chelsea's rejuvenated strike-force of Kerry Dixon and new signing Clive Allen.

Due to the Christmas print deadlines, I am unable to comment on the Boxing Day fixture with Arsenal, so I hope we have taken full advantage of the Gunner's poor record at Kenilworth Road in recent years and improved our position in the table.

As this is our last game of 1991, I would like to take this opportunity to review our season so far and take a look forward at 1992.

There are not many people outside Kenilworth Road giving us a chance when it comes to staying up. They had reason to justify these claims earlier on in the season, when the squad was very young and inexperienced, but we now feel we have turned the corner.

Since November we have signed Chris Kamara. Kammy has given backbone to the midfield and the support he gives to the youngsters is tremendous.

Mick Harford has now settled in up-front, and he is now showing the form which earned him an England call-up a couple of years back.

This season has seen the arrival of the youngsters in the side. They have been thrown into the deep end and have coped remarkably well. Paul Telfer, Scott Oakes, Kurt Nogan, Des Linton and Jamie Campbell have all had to grow up quick and when asked to a job, have done so efficiently. I'm sure they all have big futures ahead of them, long after I've retired!

With the stable blend of experience and youth now in the side, we have shown in recent weeks that we are more than capable of winning matches. In the games against Sheffield Wednesday, Manchester City and Sheffield United, we have looked destined to take all three points, only to concede a goal in the dying minutes of the game. We have hopefully learned from these mistakes, and with youngsters now more prepared and experienced, 1992 will bring us a change in fortune and results.

Sheffield United proved that survival is possible on a limited budget last season and I am certain that we can do the same, starting with today's fixture against Chelsea.

From everyone in the dressing room, I would like to wish you all a happy New Year. Enjoy the game.



Phil Gray shrugged off his injury worries to enjoy himself at the Junior Hatters Christmas Party.



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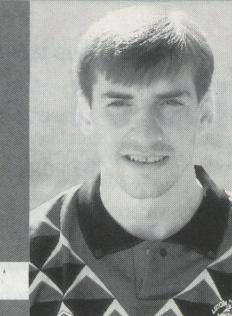
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Junior Hatters

With Alec Chamberlain.



Today we welcome Chelsea to Kenilworth Road for our last home game of 1991. I would like to wish all Junior Hatters a happy and prosperous New Year.

At Easter I will be organising a trip to Wembley Stadium. The tour will offer a chance to capture the atmosphere, experience and magic this magnificent stadium brings. The tour will take you behind the scenes to many fascinating areas that are normally hidden to the general public. You will also have the chance to climb those famous 39 steps to the Royal Box and receive 'the Cup' to the roar of 80,000 fans.

If you would like to go on this trip you can book from the Oak Road Sports

Shop. The price will be £5.00 for Junior Hatters, which includes a coach fare and admission. Please let Bev know if you intend to go on this tour as we have to book the coaches.

If you would like to play football for the Junior Hatters when West Ham visit us on January 18, please let Bev know.

Today's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is....0171 MATTHEW LANDERS. Matthew wins two free tickets to one of our home games. To claim your prize, please call into the Oak Road Sports Shop and bring your membership card with you. Have a good day and I hope to see you all at our next home game when our visitors will be West Ham.

Match Mascot



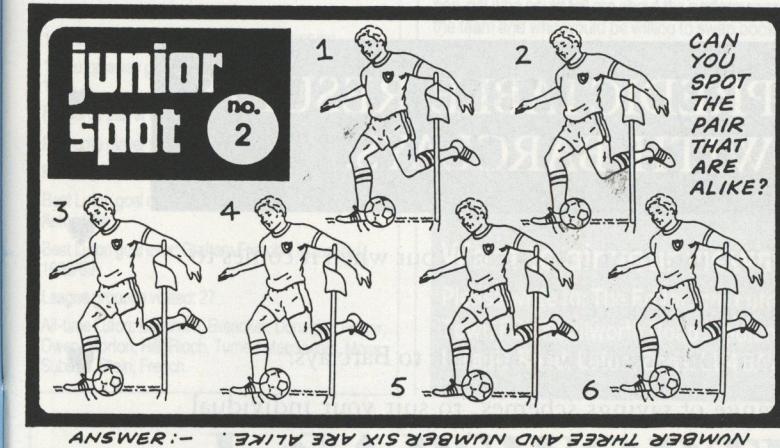
Today's mascot is Gary Moore. He is 10 years old and goes to St Joseph's School, Luton. He likes football and swimming, and his favourite player is Mick Harford.

QUIZ TIME

1. Who is Luton Town's assistant manager?
2. What club did David Beaumont join after he left Luton?
3. Who made his league debut for Luton against Manchester United earlier this season?

1. Colin Murphy
2. Hibernian F.C.
3. Paul Telfer

Answers



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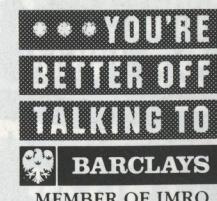
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Fans' view

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1st Luton away game: Norwich, FA Cup semi-final, 1959
Favourite player (past): Ricky Hill
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Favourite other team/s: Port Vale/Forest
Best Luton goal of last season: Mark Penbridge v Aston Villa
Best Luton goal ever: Graham French v Mansfield, 1968/69
League grounds visited: 27
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Subs: B. Stein, French.

World's biggest quilt

Dear Sir,

The biggest quilt in the world – that is the aim of the Centre for Embroidery Fashion and Textile studies in order to raise £5,000,000 for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Cancer Unit.

The project is expected to extend over the next two years and supporters from both of today's clubs can play a part in it. The quilt will be a textile portrait of Britain in the 1990's and has been designed by leading textile designer, Jennifer Sanderson.

The decorative image of the quilt will be achieved through people embroidering their names on to each patch.

Each panel of the finished quilt will be separately auctioned to raise money for the charity. Any quilt sections not auctioned will be sent to relief agencies for children in the Third World. If you would like to take part in such a worthy event, please contact me at the below address for further information.

Carole Tierney,
72-74 Dean Street,
London W1V 5HB.

Pen-pals wanted

Dear Sir,

My name is Mbongeni Hlatshwayo. I am 12 years old and like to follow Luton Town. After discovering your address, I thought, as I am a young supporter, that I should write in the hope that I can correspond with some of your young supporters. I would like a pen-pal who could tell me about the performance of the team and who would be willing to swap books, badges etc.

Mbongeni Hlatshwayo
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Makokoba
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Want to air your views?

Please write to: The Editor, c/o Luton Town FC., Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds. LU4 8AW.



Dear Fellow Supporters,

A warm welcome back to Kenilworth Road for our third home match of this hectic Christmas/New Year period. We trust that you have had an enjoyable time and that hopefully the teams' fortunes have changed for the better. Every one is agreed that recent performances prior to Christmas showed a big improvement and what we are all hoping for now is that little bit of luck that teams at the bottom so often seem to miss out on.

Can we ask at this point for as many of you as possible to travel up to Nottingham Forest and Sheffield United for our next two important away games. The players who came to our recent quiz evening confirmed what a boost good vocal support can be and you can be assured that they are totally committed to ensuring that they climb off the bottom of Division One and into a position of safety.

In the New Year we hope to bring our members two new Guest Speakers in Barry Fry, Manager of exciting Football League new boy's Barnet, and the forthright and respected Pat Murphy from B.B.C. Radio 5. Both Barry and Pat will provide great entertainment so look out for further details in the Programme and, of course, the Luton News.

On behalf of everyone on the Supporters Club Committee please accept our very best wishes to you all for 1992.

Pam Gray
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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).

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).

In the event of a replay;

The replay will be held at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday January 15th, 1992, kick-off, 7.45 pm.

Season Ticket holders will be able to claim their tickets from Sunday January 5th to Wednesday January 8th inclusive, on production of Cup Voucher number 23 members can purchase tickets from Thursday January 9th until kick-off on January 15th.

Please note that in addition to normal hours the ticket office will open on Sunday January 5th from 10 am - 4 pm and on Saturday January 11th from 10 am - 4 pm.

Normal League prices and guesting facilities apply.

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.

Ticket Office Hours

The Ticket Office will be open for the following hours in the next week: Today 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. There after normal ticket office hours resume. For all inquiries please call Cherry Newbery, Ticket Office Manager, on 0582 - 411622 or 30748.

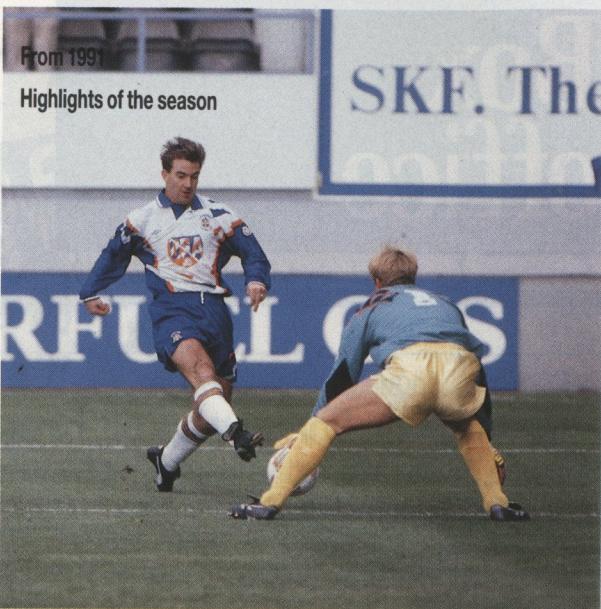
Action replay

Pictures by Josh Levy

Phil Gray (right) is pictured in action against Sheffield Wednesday, Mick Harford (below) is snapped playing against Leeds United and Paul Telfer (far right) is seen playing against Sheffield Wednesday.



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From 1991
Highlights of the season



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Today's visitors

By Luke Nicoli

Welcome to Chelsea

CHELSEA F.C. 1991/92 SEASON



Back Row (left to right): Andy Myers, Gareth Hall, Damian Matthew, Jason Cundy, Kevin Hitchcock, Alan Dickens, Steve Clarke, Joe Allon, Graeme Le Saux. Middle Row (left to right): Eddie Niedzwiecki (reserve team coach), Bob Ward (physio), David Lee, Kerry Dixon, Paul Elliott, Dave Beasant, Ken Monkou, Ian Pearce, Erlend Johnsen, Dave Collyer (youth team coach), Stan Ternant (first team coach). Front Row (left to right): Graham Stuart, Dennis Wise, Vinny Jones, Gwyn Williams (assistant manager), Ian Porterfield (manager), Andy Townsend, Tom Boyd, Kevin Wilson.

Chelsea came into the new season aiming to live up to the expectations placed upon them as potential First Division Champions.

The influential signing of Vinny Jones, a £525,000 signing from Sheffield United, along with Paul Elliott from Celtic, Tom Boyd from Motherwell and Joe Allon from Hartlepool United, were seen to be the missing parts to the jigsaw which came into place the season before. With million pound signings Andy Townsend and Dennis Wise now firmly settled in at Stamford Bridge, this season, under new Boss Ian Porterfield, was seen to be the springboard from which to launch a serious Championship challenge.

Early season form seemed to justify these claims. The Blues were flying high in third spot in September, after an impressive 3-1 win at Tottenham, a 4-1 victory over the Town and another away success, this time at Sheffield United. To add to this the aforementioned players were all performing well with Allon, Wise and Townsend all scoring goals along with top-scorer Kerry Dixon.

As the Blues went into October and November however, it was clear that the 'Champions' tag was far from becoming reality. Defeats against Arsenal (3-2), Leeds (1-0), Norwich (3-0), Southampton (1-0)

and draws against Everton (2-2), Liverpool (2-2) and Crystal Palace (0-0), have meant that, at the time of writing, Chelsea have only won two League games since the end of September.

One reason for the drop in form over the past couple of months has been the injury to influential skipper Andy Townsend. A hernia operation has meant that the heart of Chelsea's midfield has been left exposed until very recently. With a fit Townsend in the team, the Chelsea faithful will be looking for an improved performance from the team in 1992.

Another is the lack of goals from the usually prolific Kerry Dixon. Now with a new striking partner in Clive Allen, a £250,000 signing from Manchester City, Kerry will be looking to cement a good relationship with Allen and break the all-time Chelsea scoring record.

The positive side to Chelsea's season has been the continued introduction of youth team players into the first team. There are not many clubs in the First Division who can boast the young talents of the likes of Jason Cundy, Andy Myers, Frank Sinclair and Damian Matthew. When called upon, all have performed well, with Myers scoring on his full First Division debut and causing opponents Liverpool many problems.

Renowned for their success in the Zenith Data Cup, Chelsea have their sights set on

reaching Wembley at least once this season. They have reached the Southern Area final after beating Crystal Palace 1-0 earlier this month.

Only time will tell whether Mr Porterfield can succeed in his aim of winning matches with good attractive football, but with such a fine blend of skilful experience and raw, young talent, many football pundits believe that success is a distinct possibility for the Blues over the next couple of seasons.

Chelsea F.C. were formed in 1905 by local entrepreneur Gus Mears. He set up his own team after Fulham rejected the chance to play at the newly developed Stamford Bridge. Although they had no players during their first months of existence, they had a very determined board of directors. After making some impressive signings, the new club played their first match v Hull City in Division Two, in September 1905.

Chelsea's colourful history has seen them lift the First Division title only once, in 1954/55. They also won the FA Cup in 1970, the League Cup in 1965, the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1971 and the Full Members/ZDS Cup in 1986 and 1990.

Manager Ian Porterfield is the club's 13th post-war boss following such men as Ted Drake, who won the Blues the Championship, Tommy Docherty and John Hollins.

Blues On Parade

KEVIN HITCHCOCK (goalkeeper) – Kevin started his career playing non-league for Barking, but made the grade in league football for Mansfield Town after a short spell at Nottingham Forest. He joined Chelsea for £250,000 in March 1988 and has been made first-choice keeper this season, taking over from Dave Beasant.

STEVE CLARKE (defender) – Now approaching 200 senior appearances for Chelsea, Steve was signed from St Mirren in 1987 for £422,000. Established as one of the game's more solid right-backs, he has represented his country, Scotland, on five occasions to date. Steve also had the honour of representing the Football League v Rest of the World in 1987.

DAVID LEE (defender) – David is a product of Chelsea's successful youth policy, making his League debut for the Blues, and scoring, v Leicester City in 1988. An England under-21 international, David is now looking to establish himself in a more permanent role at the heart of Chelsea's defence.

PAUL ELLIOTT (defender) – Paul started his career at Charlton Athletic before establishing himself as a very competent central-defender here at Kenilworth Road. Now a greatly experienced player after spells with Aston Villa, in Italy with Pisa and at Glasgow Celtic, Paul is pushing for a place in the England's European Championship squad for Sweden next summer.

KEN MONKOU (defender) – Dutch under-21 international, Ken was signed from Feyenoord for £100,000 in March 1989. He played a major part in the run-in to Chelsea's Division Two Championship win in 1989 and was last season voted Player of the Year. Like Paul Elliott, Ken will be pushing for an international place this term.

JASON CUNDY (defender) – An uncompromising centre-half, Jason is a former captain of Chelsea's youth team and was made Young Player of the Year in 1987. An England under-21 regular, he made his Chelsea debut last season and had the honour of becoming the 500th player to play for the club.

TONY BOYD (defender) – Signed from Motherwell for £800,000 last summer, Tom captained the Scottish club to FA Cup glory last season. A Scotland international, he was signed to replace Tony Dorigo at left-back after his decision to join Leeds United.

VINNY JONES (midfield) – Charismatic Vinny won FA Cup honours with Wimbledon before joining Leeds United for £450,000 in 1988. He then led Leeds to the Second Division title that season, before becoming surplus to requirements, and joined Sheffield United. He was the main inspiration behind United's relegation escape last season before joining Chelsea for £575,000 in August.

GRAEME LE SAUX (midfield) – Channel Islander Graham made his big breakthrough last season at Stamford Bridge and quickly earned England under-21, then 'B' honours. Signed from St Paul's in Jersey in December 1987, Graeme has established himself as one of the paciest wide players in Division One.

ALAN DICKENS (midfield) – Alan started his career at West Ham United and made over 200 appearances for the Hammers before joining Chelsea for £600,000 in July 1989. An England under-21 international, Alan has found it difficult sustaining a regular first-team place at Stamford Bridge, although he has been a more regular member of the side over recent weeks.

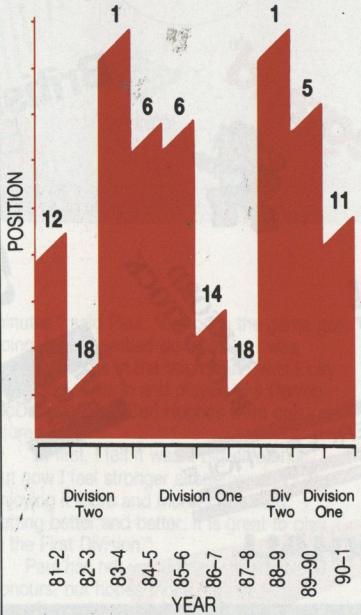
DENNIS WISE (midfield) – A favourite with the Chelsea crowd, Dennis was signed from Wimbledon for a club record £1,600,000 in July 1990. Locally born in Kensington, Dennis scored five of his ten goals from the penalty spot last season and his form earned him a call-up to the England squad to face Turkey last season and scored the only goal of the game.



Dennis Wise

CLIVE ALLEN (forward) – Signed from Manchester City at the beginning of the month in a £250,000 deal, Clive started his career at Q.P.R. before joining Arsenal for £1.25 million in 1989. Incredibly he moved on to Crystal Palace for a similar fee only two months later. In 1981 he returned to Loftus Road before joining Tottenham in 1984. He smashed Spurs' scoring record before joining Bordeaux for £1 million two years later. He joined City two years ago, again in a £1 million deal.

10 year record



JOE ALON (forward) – After starting his career at Newcastle United, Joe was limited to nine appearances in three seasons. He then moved to Swansea where he scored 11 goals in 33 games. His reputation as a prolific goalscorer really took off at Hartlepool, where he scored 30 times last season, helping the 'pool to promotion into Division Three. He joined Chelsea for £200,000 in August.

KERRY DIXON (forward) – Kerry has been with Chelsea since signing from Reading for £175,000 in 1983. Luton born, he scored two goals on his Chelsea debut and has since gone on to make over 300 appearances for the Blues, clocking-up nearly 200 goals. At the start of the season he was only 13 goals short of Bobby Tambling's all-time Chelsea goalscoring record.

KEVIN WILSON (forward) – Kevin passed the 150 appearance mark last season and continued his consistent goalscoring form. He started his career at Derby County where he won the first of his 25 Northern Ireland caps. After a spell at Ipswich, he joined Chelsea for £35,000 in 1987 and helped the Blues to the Second Division title.

Meet the Boss



IAN PORTERFIELD

Born in Dunfermline in 1946, Mr Porterfield started his career as an apprentice at Raith Rovers. In 1967 he signed for north-east giants Sunderland and it was while he was at Roker Park that he established himself as a gritty, hard-working midfield player.

During his eight-year period at Sunderland, he made 217 appearances and scored 17 goals, the most famous being the strike which won Second Division Sunderland the FA Cup final against giants Leeds in 1973. In 1976 he had an unsuccessful spell at Reading, where he played just five times.

A year later his career was rejuvenated at Third Division Sheffield Wednesday, where he enjoyed two full seasons. In 1981 Mr Porterfield decided to hang up his boots after a couple of months at Rotherham United, aged 35.

Having climbed the managerial ladder, first with Reading and in Scotland with Aberdeen, Mr Porterfield has returned to Chelsea after an absence of 17 months. In his first spell at Stamford Bridge he helped manager Bobby Campbell win the Second Division Championship before returning for a second spell at Reading.

After his appointment during the summer, Ian made his targets very clear, "My aim is to win matches. Number two is to win by playing good, attractive football – but it is very important that we win." Only time will tell if Mr Porterfield can fulfill those sentiments.

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Player profile

Paul Telfer

The nephew of former Scottish international midfielder Eamonn Bannon, 20-year-old Paul Telfer has broken through to the first team this season with such effect that he is promising to follow in his uncle's footsteps. Like Eamonn, Paul is a midfielder, although he prefers to play on the right side unlike his uncle who was better-known for his work on the left.

Born in Edinburgh, on October 21, 1971, Paul came to Kenilworth Road as a trialist after being spotted playing in his native Scotland. He quickly showed his talent and was signed by the club on his 17th birthday and has since worked his way up through the ranks.

"I prefer to play in midfield and to play on the right or in the centre," said Paul. "But I am happy to play anywhere if I can get into the team - even at left-back. Really, I like to get forward a bit if I can. But the truth is that the first team is the place to be and the best place to play your football."

In Edinburgh, Paul made his name playing with Salvesen Boys Club, the same source from which the club obtained the equally-promising Darren Salton. Together they have helped create a strong 'junior' branch of the 'white heather' club at Luton.

Paul's progress this season has been nothing short of startling and he admitted that he has surprised himself with the speed at which he has worked his way into the first team, but acknowledges that other people's bad luck with injuries has played a part.

He made his full league debut in the away match with Manchester United at Old Trafford at the end of September and has not been out of the team since, wearing three different shirts as he has become accustomed to the pace required at the top level.

"I was nervous for the first couple of



minutes," said Paul. "But once the game got going, I really settled down okay. I was surprised to be in the team. But I was lucky because I came in and players like Darren McDonough and Ceri Hughes were out injured.

"At first, I felt it was a big difference, but now I feel stronger altogether and I am enjoying it more and more. I feel I am getting better and better. It is great to play in the First Division."

Paul has not yet won any international honours, but hopes those may be lying ahead in the future. His most pleasurable game so far was the 1-1 draw at Sheffield

United when he scored his first league goal.

"I remember David Preece slid on his back to recover the ball and pull it back into the middle. It broke for a shot by Jamie Campbell which was saved and it fell to me and I was able to score with a shot into the corner. It made up for missing one earlier on in the game!"

Away from the game, Paul, like most Scots, likes nothing better than a round of golf, but admits he has been frustrated by the weather recently. "I've got a handicap of about four or five, it fluctuates a bit. But I enjoy playing two or three times a week, if I have the time and the chance."

PAUL TELFER FACT FILE

Born: Edinburgh, 21.10.71
Joined Luton: 1988 (trainee)
F.L. debut: Man Utd v Luton Town (21.9.91)
International honours: All to come!



Autograph

Paul Telfer



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The Premier League debate

Mention of the Football Association's Premier League often stirs up feelings and sometimes controversy. In this feature, our managing director David Kohler gives some of his own thoughts on the project and reveals what can go on at major meetings to decide the future of our national game.....

- 4. The league will be run on a one club one vote basis.

In addition, there have been two appointments: Rick Parry as the chief executive and Sir John Quinton as chairman.

Basically, it is an effort by these leading clubs to increase their own revenue through television, sponsorship and advertising and express their dissatisfaction with the current leadership and structure of the Football League.

To date, there has been much sabre-rattling by various associations attached to the game and this sabre-rattling has come about because, as yet, the premier clubs have not decided what is, in their opinion, the correct way forward.

Over recent weeks, the press has been full of comments from the Gordon Taylors and Howard Wilkinsons, all stating that they have to be consulted with respect to the super league. As yet, they have not.

The truth is that while the leading Premier League clubs and the Football Association have been discussing this plan for months, at the time you read this, only four decisions have been taken and acted upon:

- 1. All the Division One clubs have resigned from the Football League
- 2. The super league will use promotion and relegation on a three-up and three-down basis with the remaining league clubs
- 3. The size of the super league will start at 22 and will later be reduced to 20 when the financial picture is a little clearer

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TAYLOR RELIEVED

England boss Graham Taylor is one man keen to see the proposed Premier League trimmed to 20 clubs as soon as humanly possible. He wants to see his players relieved of the strain of long tough seasons filled with competitive club matches.

And for that reason he was mighty relieved when England were drawn in a six-nation and not a seven-nation qualifying group at the World Cup draw in New York on December 8. England came out in European group two along with the Netherlands, Poland, Norway, Turkey and San Marino.

That still means 10 important England World Cup qualifying games have to be fitted into the domestic calendar during 1992 and 1993, squashed in among a likely 42 league games and, for the most successful clubs, at least half-a-dozen cup-ties or more - not to mention European club fixtures.

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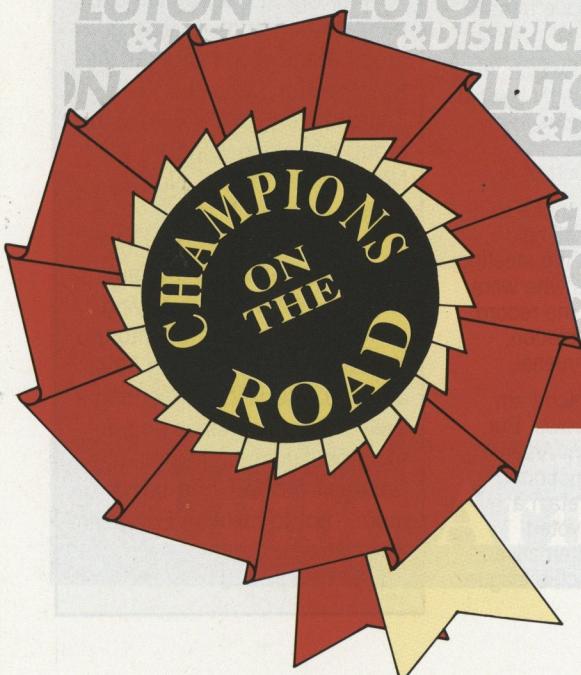
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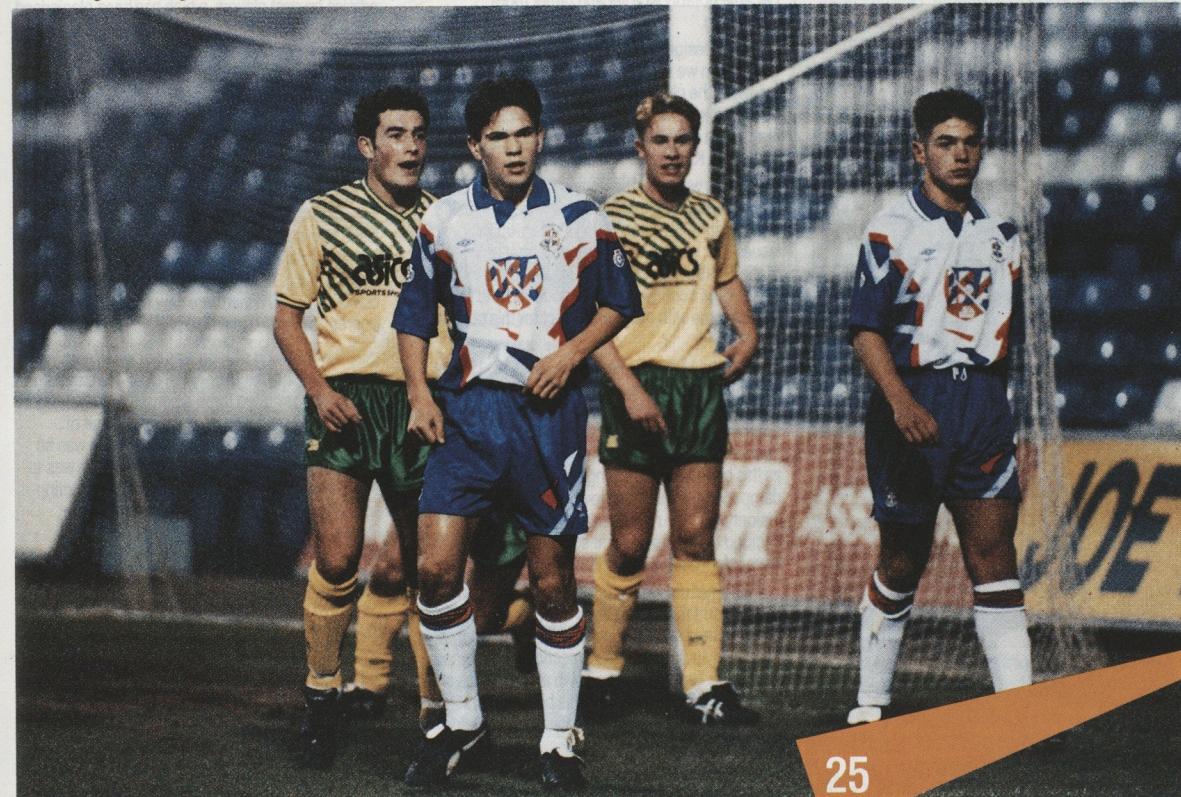
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After a tough match against Norwich City here on December 17, our youth team ended up level at 1-1 to force a replay at Carrow Road.



Looking back

By Roger Wash

The Last Time We Met...

August 19, 1991

Barclays League Division One

Chelsea 4 (Le Saux, Townsend, Dixon, Wise)
Luton Town 1 (Gray)

Attendance: 17,457

Referee: M Pierce (Portsmouth)
Luton Town - Chamberlain, Beaumont (Jackson), Rodger, Peake, Dreyer, Pembridge, McDonough, Preece, Stein, Gray, Farrell (Nogan).

Chelsea - Hitchcock, Clarke, Boyd, Jones, Elliott, Monkou, Townsend, Wise, Dixon, Wilson (Allon), Le Saux.

At Last! The first goal of the season was scored by Philip Gray in the 47th minute. Unfortunately, the Town were already 3-0 down by this time. Chelsea went on to score a fourth and contrived to miss a penalty and it was only Alec Chamberlain, with some fine goalkeeping, who prevented a rout.



Philip Gray scored our first goal of the season.

Changing fashions bring a new-look to our programme in the post-war years

In complete contrast to the sumptuous issues of the immediate pre-War period, the Luton Town programme took a turn for the worse as peacetime football resumed in 1946.

With paper shortage still a problem, the first issue of 1946/47 against Sheffield Wednesday was a skimpy affair of only eight pages, compared to the only League programme issued in 1939/40 against the same side (the same fixture list was used), which consisted of 16 pages of solid reading matter.

The same cover was retained, minus the coloured edging, with only a page of "Club News" to lighten the gloom. During that first season back, single sheets were known to be issued for first team games and one fixture (Nottingham Forest) did not see anything produced due to the game being played at short notice.

Apart from slight changes to the "Flaghead" on the front of the programme, the format did not change for six years until, at the start of the 1952/53 season, a full length photograph of a player was featured on the front cover. Unfortunately, the inside pages did not alter apart from the Club Notes, which became notably wordier and rather more interesting.

This design continued for three seasons and then, when we were expecting something better following the club's promotion to Division One in 1955, back we went again to a staid front cover featuring a drawing of the turnstiles and gates at the rear of the Kenilworth Road terrace.

Clubs were now beginning to produce readable, colourful programmes with some using photographs of match action to liven-up their issues, but we retained our tired format until the end of the 1960/61 season, although whoever wrote Club Notes continued to do a good job and has provided me with many an extract for this column in the past.

For the visit of Preston on August 19, 1961, a new style programme was on sale. "We hope the new style Official Programme meets with general approval", it was stated in the Club Notes, "We have been thinking for some little time to print one such as this but the cost of doing so has rather dampened the thought. However, as the great majority of clubs now have a 4d programme, we decided to fall into line and so have the bigger and more informative publication."

So what did we get for 4d? Much the same in a smaller format, but increased to twelve pages! The only additions were a "Pen Portrait of our visitors" page plus an acrostic results section for the whole of Division Two plus Luton Town appearances and goalscorers for the season. This being the first game of the campaign, the latter two features were, of course, row after row of dots!

This style of programme followed the Town through the Divisions, to the basement and by

1967/68 it was such an embarrassment that whereas most clubs included "Football League review" magazine as an insert, we did it the other way round with the programme stapled inside, hidden from view.

The 1968/69 programme saw a slight improvement with a couple more pages and a supporters club column, but the birth of the modern programme that we know and love came about on July 28, 1969 for the visit of an Italian under-21 side for a friendly.

Glossy, packed with varied reading and containing many photographs, the programme transformed from one of the worst in the Football League, to one of the best overnight, setting the trend for Luton Town issues in the season to come.

The following season was similar, but in 1971/72 for one season, only a "long" programme was issued. Not without its merits, the shape was, however, awkward and, for collectors, difficult to keep in mint condition.

Arguably the best programme of the 1970's was produced in 1972/73 which featured a series of articles on past players, which has been plagiarised since, both in the "Luton Town Story" and in this column. That issue featured a near perfect blend of features and photographs together with a striking front cover rarely bettered since, especially when compared to our promotion season programme of 1973/74 which had to put up with changes of printer, four page issues and single sheets as a legacy of the three day week.

1974/75 saw an attractive, albeit lightweight, issue followed by a smaller version which became progressively full of adverts as the season wore on and the club's financial plight became more obvious. 1975/76 therefore saw what was the poorest issue in recent times.

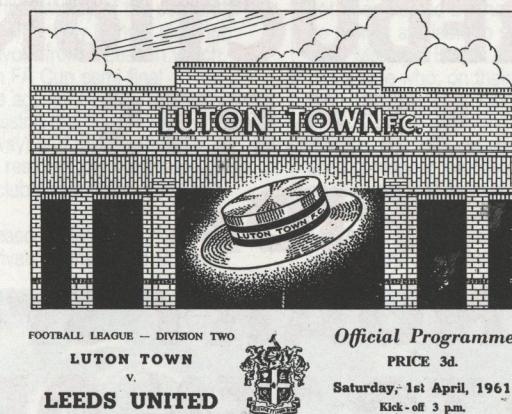
The following season was not without its problems, for a change of printer, as the campaign began, necessitated three emergency issues before the first colour cover appeared for the visit of Hereford United on October 9, 1976. This was an odd shaped programme (7.5" x 7.5") which was to see us through the next three seasons, attracting such features as "All our Yesterdays" by Brian Swain, along the way.

Change of format again in 1979/80 with a conventional size programme being introduced (similar to today's), which improved gradually during its six seasons of issue. Historical articles were becoming more commonplace with "Down Memory Lane" in 1979/80, "Flashback" in 1981/82 and the excellent "Hatters A-Z" the following season.

Since 1985, the programme has been edited by Tim Collings, firstly in "pocket size" format and latterly in the large style you hold in your hands. Is it the best yet? What do you think?



The first home game after the war (above), was followed by the more 'large size' issue (below).



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It happened ten years ago

28/12/81 - In a devastating opening period, the Town went 3-0 up at Norwich with every one of the goals absolute screamers. Luton went on to win 3-1 to consolidate their position as leaders of Division Two.

It happened 15 years ago

29/12/76 - On a rock-hard Kenilworth Road pitch, the Town skated to an easy victory over today's visitors Chelsea. Lil Fuccillo, Brian Chambers, Jim Husband and Steve Buckley were the Luton scorers, watched by a crowd of 17,102.

It happened 20 years ago

1/1/72 - High flying Millwall were seen off 2-1 at Kenilworth Road with Chris Nicholl and Peter Anderson on the scoresheet. The game was recently featured as one of the quiz questions on Anglia TV's "Goals Galore." Did you spot it?

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WEST HAM UNITED

When West Ham United dismissed Swindon Town 2-0 at Upton Park on Saturday, 20 April, it confirmed their return to the top flight. It was no more than the "Hammers" deserved, as over the marathon season of 1990-1991 they had led all the way.

Despite losing the Second Division crown on the final day of the season to Oldham Athletic, Billy Bonds' side had much to savour from a season which included an FA Cup semi-final appearance against Nottingham Forest (after dismissing the Town and Everton along the way) and the fact that Mr Bonds had restored the old values upon which the club's reputation had been built.

This season, West Ham, like their promoted rivals Oldham and Notts

County, have found life tough in the First Division. With only 19 points from 19 games, the Hammers won only two of their opening twelve matches. They have never quite recovered from this poor start and are currently perilously close to the relegation zone in 18th place.

Like many other clubs at the wrong end of the table, West Ham's plight has not been helped by the fact that there is no money available to strengthen the side. Manager Bonds is lucky that he still has a side who, on their day, are more than a match for any side in the top flight. Consecutive wins at Tottenham and Arsenal have proved that with the likes of skipper Ian Bishop, Czech goalkeeper Ludek Miklosko, defender Tony Gale and forwards Frank MacAvennie and former Hatter Mike Small in the side, they do have enough

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experience to fall back on when needed.

Small has been a revelation since his £500,000 transfer from Second Division Brighton. He has made the step-up with remarkable ease and, at the time of writing, is the third highest goalscorer in the First Division with 10 league goals.

There are other players at West Ham who started off on the road to fame and fortune at Kenilworth Road. Full-back Tim Breacker, who was a firm favourite at Luton, has established himself at Upton Park continuing the promise he showed during his six years at Luton. Mitchell Thomas is another player who made his league debut at Kenilworth Road before making a big money move to Tottenham Hotspur. During the summer he moved to West Ham for £500,000 where he is now a firm favourite with the Hammers fans.



Darron McDonough in action at Upton Park on the opening day of this season.

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Brian Stein is beaten to the ball by goalkeeper John Lukic (top) while Mick Harford (below) beats a defender to the ball during our recent meeting with Leeds United.



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Guest spot

By Timothy Collings

Interesting links with the Blues

Over the years, Chelsea and the Town have often been linked in football and particularly by the transfers of players...and mostly from Bedfordshire to SW6 rather than the other way. One of the first players linked with such a move was Fred Hawkes, an outstanding right-half for the Hatters, who made 509 league appearances in a career which spanned from 1899 to 1920. Financial difficulties forced the possibility, but he turned it down and it was to be Joe Payne who truly blazed the trail.

Payne, the famous scorer of 10 goals in one match against Bristol Rovers in 1936, moved to Chelsea two years later with a reputation as one of

the most fearsome centre-forwards in England. Between 1934 and 1938, he had made 72 league appearances for Luton and scored 83 goals. Alas, after what was considered a controversial move at the time, Payne's Chelsea career ill-starred and curtailed, of course, by the second world war.

The next great man to make the capital move was to be another of the Town's greatest goal-scorers, Hugh Billington. He switched to Stamford Bridge in 1948, three years after the war had ended. His Luton days had run from 1938 to 1948 and produced 86 league appearances and 63 goals. Had it not been for the war, it was said, Billington would have been one of the finest strikers of his era.

In later years, there was the Billy Hughes mini-saga. Signed for a club record £11,000 from Birmingham City in July 1947, Hughes was described as 'Britain's best full-back', but his Town career lasted only a short time and he was another to take the Chelsea route less than 12 months later. At about the same time, if not slightly earlier, Wally Shanks, who still lives in the town, moved in the other direction.

Shanks was one of 75 professionals at Stamford Bridge (along with Payne and a certain Tommy Lawton) after his de-mob and he took his chance when manager George Martin offered him a fresh chance at Kenilworth Road. It led to 264 league appearances and six goals. Another to reach Luton from Chelsea's ranks was John O'Rourke who came on a free transfer in 1963. Eighty-four league appearances and 64 goals followed before he left for Middlesbrough and higher recognition. Today, of course, Chelsea's ranks include another famous former Hatter in Paul Elliott, whose route to the Bridge has taken him via Aston Villa, Pisa and Glasgow Celtic.

Vauxhall's Luton Town Football Club Weekly Soccer Courses For 7-15 year-olds

**Dates: January 16th, 23rd, 30th
and February 5th, 1992**

Time: 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm

Venue: Vauxhall Astro-Turf, Brache Area, Luton.

**Coaching : passing, dribbling,
control, turning and shooting.**

4 one-hour sessions for only £6.00

- * Qualified F.A. Coaches
- * Fun and Games
- * Prizes for players with best attitude
- * Opportunity to be invited to join the Luton Town School of Excellence.
- * Guest appearances by LTFC players and staff

Please send a cheque payable to Luton Town FC for £6 and a SAE to Paul Lowe, Youth Development Officer, LTFC, 1, Maple Road, Luton, Beds. LU4 8AW. Please specify exactly which course you require.

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	Potton (BPC)	3-5
Mon 2 Dec	Brighton & Hove Albion	2-1
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.

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.

NEVILLE OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION

1991-92

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

RESERVES - APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

Football Combination	Bedfordshire Premier Cup		Football Combination	Bedfordshire Premier Cup	
	App	Goals		App	Goals
Allpress	13	-	1	-	
Beaumont	2	-	1	-	
Brittain	1	-	1	-	
Campbell	16(3)	1	1	1	
Dreyer	2	-	-	-	
Elliott	(1)	-	2	-	
Gillard	7(1)	-	-	-	
Goodfellow	(1)	-	-	-	
Gormley	4(6)	1	-	-	
Greene	2	-	2	-	
Farrell	8	4	1	3	
Harvey*	6	-	-	-	
Holsgrave	12(1)	1	1	-	
Hotham	1(4)	-	2	-	
Howard	1	-	-	-	
Hughes	6	-	(1)	-	
Jackson	2	-	-	-	
James	5(1)	-	-	-	
Linton	2	-	-	-	
McDonough	1	-	-	-	

up to and including 16.12.91

Happy New Year Everyone

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone here this morning 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, Phil, 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.

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

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIVISION 2								
SEASON 1991-92								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Goals	Pts
Wimbledon	13	9	3	1	46	10	21	21
Brentford	14	10	1	3	31	16	21	21
Crystal Palace	14	9	2	3	39	14	20	20
Southampton	14	8	4	2	23	15	20	20
Oxford United	13	9	0	4	40	17	18	18
LUTON TOWN	15	8	2	5	30	23	18	18
Brighton & Hove Albion	15	8	1	6	34	23	17	17
Reading	12	6	1	5	30	28	13	13
Bristol City	13	6	1	5	28	13	13	13
Swindon Town	15	5	2	8	13	12	12	12
Maidstone United	13	4	1	8	19	29	9	9
Bristol Rovers	14	4	1	9	27	51	9	9
Tottenham Hotspur	15	3	1	11	17	43	7	7
Aldershot	14	3	1	10	18	49	7	7
Bournemouth	16	1	3	12	16	33	5	5

YOUTH TEAM - APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

S.E.C.L	S.J.F.C.		S.E.C.LC		F.A. YTH CUP	
	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls
Brittain	6	-	-	-	-	-
Brookes	-	-	-	-	-	-
Draper	2(2)	-	(1)	-	-	-
Elliott	13	-	3	-	1	3
Goodfellow	7(1)	2	1	-	2	2
Greene	14	1	3	1	1	1
Hancock	14	-	2	-	1	3
Hartson	6(4)	6	1(1)	1	1	1(1)
Holtam	13	3	3	-	1	3
McDonagh	7(1)	4	3	2	-	1(1)
Murray	12	1	3	1	1	3
Newman	9(3)	4	(1)	-	(1)	2(1)
Philip	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)	-	-	-	-	-

Up to and including 30.11.91

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



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 17
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		Rmblws Cup		ZD Cup		Mar	11	Tottenham Hotspur
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals			Mar
Tim Allpress	-	-	-	-	1	-	Mar	14	Everton
David Beaumont	6(3)	-	2	-	-	-	Mar	21	Southampton
Kingsley Black	4	-	-	-	-	-	Mar	28	Nottingham Forest
Jamie Campbell	1(1)	-	-	-	(1)	-	Apr	4	Wimbledon
Alec Chamberlain	17	-	2	-	1	-	Apr	11	Oldham Athletic
John Dreyer	19	1	1	-	-	-	Apr	12	RLC FINAL
Sean Farrell	3(1)	-	-	-	-	-	Apr	18	Manchester United
Lee Glover	1	-	-	-	-	-	Apr	20	Queens Park Rangers
Philip Gray	7(2)	3	2	3*	-	-	Apr	25	Aston Villa
Mick Harford	11	5	1	-	1	-	May	2	Notts County
Richard Harvey	10(1)	1	1	-	-	-	May	9	FA CUP FINAL
Paul Holsgrove	1(1)	-	-	-	-	-	TBA		Crystal Palace (a)
Ceri Hughes	3(2)	-	-	-	1	-	*1-2 on penalties		
Matthew Jackson	7(2)	-	2	-	-	-			
Julian James	5(3)	-	-	-	1	-			
Chris Kamara	5	-	-	-	-	-			
Desmond Linton	2(1)	-	-	-	-	-			
Darron McDonough	9	-	-	-	-	-			
Kurt Nogar	5(8)	1	-(2)	1	1	-			
Scott Oakes	5	-	-	-	-	-			
Trevor Peake	15	-	1	-	-	-			
Mark Penbridge	19	-	2	-	1	-			
David Preece	12(3)	-	2	-	-	-			
Jason Rees	1	-	-	-	(1)	-			
Graham Rodger	11(1)	-	1	-	1	-			
Darren Salton	(2)	-	-(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	-			

*1-2 on penalties

Luton Town

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THE MAN IN CHARGE

John Deaken (South Glamorgan)

John, 47, is an RAF warrant officer. He is married and has two sons. He began refereeing in 1966 and progressed via the South Midlands League and the Football combination. He joined the football league list in 1980, his hobbies include running, watching cricket, music and railways.

DIVISION ONE LEADING GOALSCORERS:

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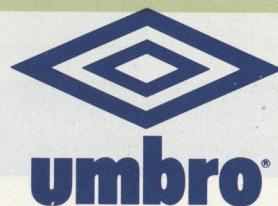
Lineker (Tottenham) 19, McClair (Man Utd) 14, Wright (Arsenal) 14, Small (West Ham) 14, Smith (Arsenal) 13, Bright (Crystal Palace) 13, Saunders (Liverpool) 13.

Sports Shop Opening Hours During Christmas

The opening hours for the sports shops over the Christmas period are as follows:	OAK ROAD	KENILWORTH ROAD
Thursday 26th	9.00 - kick-off and after the match	9.00 - kick-off and after the match
Friday 27th	9.00 am - 5.30 pm	Closed
Saturday 28th	9.00 - kick-off and after the match	9.00 - kick-off and after the match
Monday 30th	9.00 am - 5.30 pm	Closed
Tuesday 31st	9.00 am - 5.30 pm	Closed

Please note, the Oak Road Sports Shop will open non-match Saturdays from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm.

Win, lose or draw, we always look good.



Business scene

By Wendy Grzybowska and Andy King



Williams and Richardson sponsor children's day

- On this final Saturday afternoon in 1991, we extend a warm welcome to Williams and Richardson (Electrical Contractors & Electrical Engineers) who are sponsoring today's very special Children's Charity Day.
- Williams and Richardson were established some 50 years ago and have been associated with Luton Town ever since. They have been members of the National Inspection Council since the company was formed and guarantee to offer a quick and efficient service to all of their customers. John Williams can be contacted on Luton 26262.
- We also welcome our matchball sponsors R.W. Harvey and Son. The company has 25 vehicles and various trailers for their road haulage operation from their base in Sandy, Bedfordshire. Both Keith and his son Richard are avid Luton Town supporters and we wish to thank them for their support both today and in the past.

....AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May we take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors, advertisers and supporters very much for their support during 1991 and wish them all the very best for a happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Soccerline - 0839 664466 - up to the minute news

48p per min peak
36p per min off peak

Football unites to fight Multiple Sclerosis

The biggest charity fund-raising initiative in the history of football, the ARMS Football against MS campaign, is currently underway with a host of activities planned between now and FA Cup Final day, May 9, 1992.

Originally the idea of footballing brothers Danny, Rod and Ray Wallace, the scheme aims to raise £3.5 million for Action and Research for Multiple Sclerosis (ARMS). The charity will use the money to further its research and therapy programmes for people with MS and their families.

An estimated 100,000 are effected by this debilitating disease. Parts of the proceeds raised will also go towards the development of youth football.

Many events, such as the ARMS roadshows, will be taking place throughout the country over the next year. You will be kept informed with the roadshows in our locality nearer the time via the matchday programme.

We are also pleased to announce that the Luton players will be making a special appearance for the ARMS Football Against MS Campaign at the Bedford Friends of ARMS fete, Russell Park, Bedford on January 19, 1992, and also at the Arndale Centre, Luton on January 20-21.

If you would like further information on how you can help the campaign, please write to: ARMS, 4a Chapel Hill, Stanstead, Essex CM24 8AG.

National Salvage on pole position in the car auction sales business

Universal Salvage, is a company I am sure that is well known to most Luton Town supporters. With their early roots in Lyndhurst Road and Kingsway, they have been the focal point for many a spare car park over the years.

Universal Salvage have enjoyed phenomenal growth and are now the country's leading exponents of 'sale by auction' of damaged or stolen and recovered vehicles, with branches at Redbourn, Corby, Westbury, Sandtoft and Denny.

The auctions are held weekly at the aforementioned sites, with Redbourn being the main site in our locality. The auctions are open to both trade and private buyers, covering 'breakers' suitable for spares, and vehicles suitable for rebuilding, including more exotic cars like Porsche and Mercedes.

There are often 'practised classics' available like MGs, Morris 1000's or Triumph Spitfires. Price ranges are likely to reflect these differences.

Further information on how Universal Salvage can offer their services is available from Geoff Williams on 0234 766500.

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 10.00 am - 1.00 pm on non match Saturdays

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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.



Universal Salvage are national leaders in their business.

Team check

VOUCHER NUMBER 13



Official kit sponsors



Official ball sponsors

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
David Preece
Mick Harford
Mark Pembridge
Scott Oakes

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CHELSEA

Team Manager:
Ian Porterfield

Red/white shirts, white shorts.

Kevin Hitchcock
Steve Clarke
Tom Boyd
Vinny Jones
Paul Elliott
Ken Monkou
Graham Le Saux
Andy Townsend
Kerry Dixon
Clive Allen
Denis Wise

The Men in Charge

Referee – J. C. Deakin (South Glamorgan)

Linesmen: R. J. Harris (Red trim)

M. R. Sims (Yellow trim)

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