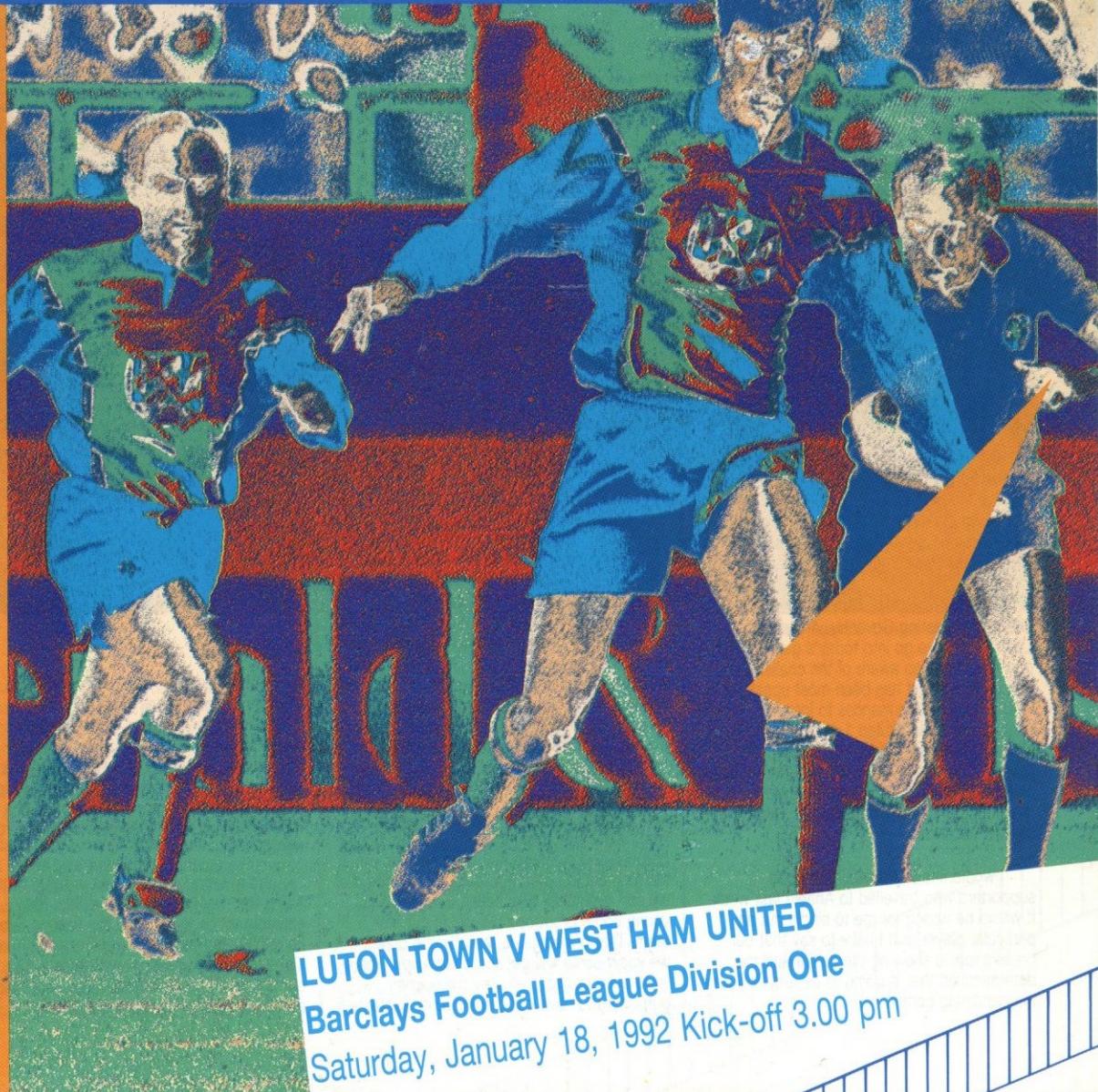


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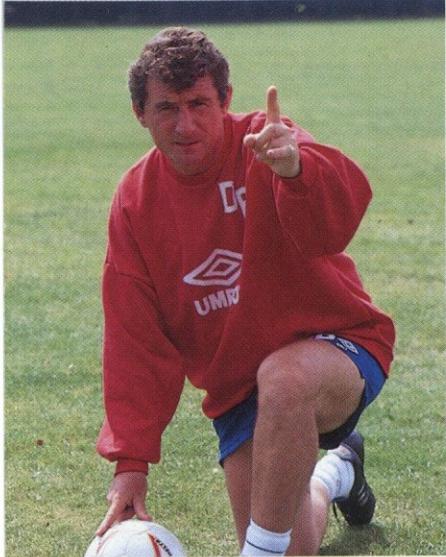


LUTON TOWN V WEST HAM UNITED

Barclays Football League Division One

Saturday, January 18, 1992 Kick-off 3.00 pm

David Pleat



"I have always felt there is a far greater pride and purpose when one is working with players who have come through the ranks. It is that purpose and pleasure that is stimulating me at this moment at Luton."

Welcome to this afternoon's game, and a warm welcome to West Ham United, their supporters, officials and players. In the past we had several magnificent games with our friends from East London and the football has been of the highest quality. With both sides fighting to maintain their status I am sure today's game, despite the pressures that both clubs are under, can live up to expectations.

We were delighted with our Christmas efforts in defeating Coventry, Arsenal and Chelsea and we go into today's game confident but also aware of the challenge our visitors present. It has been most upsetting in view of away performances to lose last minute goals at Sheffield United 1-1, Nottingham Forest 1-1 and Liverpool 1-2. In all these games I have been delighted with the attitude and application of the players, but absolutely distraught at the way fate dealt a cruel blow in the last seconds.

I would like to thank all the good supporters who travelled to Anfield last week. It would be wrong for me to single out any particular player, but I have to say that our present mix is showing the desire and the determination that is going to be required over the remaining games.

Last Sunday I buried my despair by spending some time watching television fortunately, I saw some marvellous football. It is a long time since I have seen a first half performance as good as Leeds United's against Sheffield Wednesday, proving all the tremendous qualities of English football. Compared to games later in the day, Milan v Verona, Senegal v Nigeria and Cameroon v Morocco, I felt uplifted by the pace and skill that Leeds showed. It is to their credit.

But on reflection, one thing troubled me, only one player in the Leeds United side was home grown, Gary Speed, who played excellently. In the Sheffield Wednesday side there was not one player whom the club had brought through their ranks. Strangely for the statistically conscious there were seven ex-Nottingham Forest players on the field. At Liverpool last Saturday, only McManaman who played and Mike Marsh who did not start, were home produced.

I have always felt there is far greater pride and purpose when one is working with players who have come through the ranks. It is that purpose and pleasure that is stimulating me at the moment at Luton Football Club. I hope that we can eventually play seven or eight of our young home produced players in our first team. That of course, is the ultimate dream but we know some will get snatched away. There is no point in clubs all over the country purporting to have good solid youth systems if



Mark Pembridge takes control in midfield during the Town's 1-0 victory against Arsenal on Boxing Day.

they don't give their youngsters a chance when the opportunities arise. Manchester United, the other leaders, only have Ryan Giggs at this present time who has come through the ranks. Compare this with a much recently maligned Arsenal. I know what type of club I would rather be attached to - it is a club that builds and retains pride and loyalty from within.

We at Luton must endeavour to do that. Along the way there are casualties, for example, since the start of the season Sean Farrell, Kevin Shanley, David Gormley, Aaron Tighe, Matthew Jackson and Kingsley Black of our locals, home produced, have all moved away. Also Paul Holsgrave and David

Beaumont have left us. That is quite a turnover, but of course at our club we have to keep changing faces around to maintain the standards that we wish in view of our precarious finances which can never be satisfied from our gates.

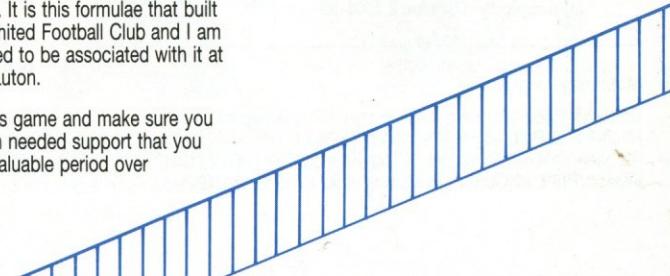
This personal pleasure in the development of players was never more epitomised for me than in the best reserve performance I have seen for many a long day when a very young Luton side outplayed a very experienced Ipswich side a week last Monday. It was really an enthralling performance although 0-0 at half time, despite conceding two penalties, we fought back and Jason Rees scored two goals: Darren Salton and Jason Rees were an

effective midfield unit and front players Kurt Nogan, Martin Williams and Jamie Campbell showed me that we are definitely moving in the right direction.

There is no greater feeling than spotting, producing and nourishing young talent. It is the most important factor in our minds as we develop the club. It is this formulae that built the West Ham United Football Club and I am more than pleased to be associated with it at present here at Luton.

Enjoy today's game and make sure you give us the much needed support that you gave us in that valuable period over Christmas.

David Pleat



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News Update

Welcome to West Ham

□ We extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of West Ham United to Kenilworth Road. We hope you enjoy the match and have a safe journey back to East London.

Thank-you fans

□ Thank-you to all our supporters who went to Nottingham, Sheffield and Liverpool, for your loyal support and good behaviour.

Re-arranged date

□ Our game against Crystal Palace, which was postponed on December 15, will now take place on Saturday, January 25, at Selhurst Park. For further details see page 39.

Christmas Draw 1991

□ Congratulations to the following supporters who have each won prizes in our Christmas Draw:

1st prize - £500 - P Dawson, 80 Burford Way, Hitchin, Herts; 2nd prize - £250 - B W Day, 2 St Mary's Close, Tebworth, Leighton Buzzard, Beds; joint 3rd prize - £100 - I Reader, 12 Vale Close, Harpenden, Herts and B Gilbert, 35 Gemini Close, Leighton Buzzard, Beds; joint 4th prize - £50 - R Harding, 13 Finley Road, Harpenden, Herts and S Dilley, 212 High Street, Arlesey, Beds; joint 5th prize - £25 - Mr Bierman, 9 Oxlease Drive, Hatfield, Herts, Mrs A Kirkby, 1a Richard Street, Dunstable, Beds, V H Dutton, 13 Brampton Road, St Albans, Herts, Mrs P Wilkins, 5 Barley Croft, Waterford, Herford, B Hand, 80 Melton Road North, Wellingborough, Northants, Mr H Jones, 98 Broad Oak Way, Stevenage, Herts; joint 6th prize - cuddly toy - Miss S Brown, 17 Queens Crescent, Putnose, Bedford, M Piscitelli, 15 Somercoates Close, New Barnet, Herts, S Coleman, 53a Warrington Crescent, Maida Vale, London, D Harries, 8 Chatsworth Close, Maidenhead, Berks, DG Stevens, 187 Wavell Close, Stewartby, Beds, I Lapworth, 17 Nash Road, Bedford; joint 7th prize - bottle of wine - Mrs I Mills, 11 Pond Close, Tring, Herts, D King, Rowden Farm, Mentomore, Leighton Buzzard, A Maher, 3c Crescent Rise, Luton, Beds, Mrs L Ayres, 10 Mangrove Road, Cockernoe, Luton, Beds, Brenda Hughes, 35 Maidenhall Road, Luton, Beds and Mr H Smith, 29 Abingdon Road, Luton, Beds.

Mark wins Barclays Young Eagle Award

□ Our exciting young midfielder, Mark Pembridge, has been voted Barclays Young Eagle of the Month for the London and East Anglia region. Mark will be presented with his award from Mr Jack Pearce, Barclays business centre director, before today's game. Mark was nominated by Bill Nicholson who said: "Mark is a left-sided player, on the small side, but he has a lot of stamina and he is quite quick. He has good vision and has good control and doesn't give the ball away." Aston Villa's Trinidad and Tobago international Dwight Yorke is the overall winner for December. The twenty-year-old striker scored in each of Villa's three league wins during the month and was nominated for the award by Graham Taylor. Regional awards went to the following players: North West - Alan Wright (Blackburn Rovers); North East - Mattie Appleby (Newcastle United); Yorkshire - Chris Bart-Williams (Sheffield Wednesday); London and the South - Keith Rowlands (AFC Bournemouth).

United Odds On

□ Manchester United are being quoted at only 18-1 to accomplish an unprecedented domestic treble of League Cup, League Championship and FA Cup and at just 13-8 for the double. Bookmakers William Hill offered the odds following United's convincing at Elland Road in the Rumbelows Cup two weeks ago.

Geoff Smith elected to management committee

□ The election for the Second Division vacancy on the Football League Management Committee has been won by Watford vice Chairman Geoff Smith. The results of the ballot were as follows: Mr Geoff Smith (Watford) 15 votes, Mr Vic Jobson (Southend United) 6 votes.



John Dreyer, now forming a fine partnership with Trevor Peake in defence, is pictured in commanding action against Chelsea last month.

Inside view

By Bill Tomlins



Pictured above are the carol singers and band who performed so magnificently before our game with Coventry City on December 20th. Pictured right is Mick Harford, receiving yet another Man of the Match award for his performance against Arsenal. Mick scored the only goal of the game.



Last season, when West Ham were winning promotion from the Second Division, we met them twice in cup competitions so it is with a little extra pleasure that we welcome them to Kenilworth Road this afternoon for a Barclays League Division One fixture.

Our clashes with the Hammers have a tradition of providing exciting football and I hope today will be no exception. We shall all be waiting with interest to see if three of their players, Tim Breacker, Mitchell Thomas and Mike Small, who all started their careers here, are included in their side.

Our own results over the Christmas period were excellent. No-one could have asked for more than three successive home victories and it made it all the more disappointing not to gain at least a replay at Sheffield United in the FA Cup.

A replay, of course, would not only have kept alive our hopes of a chance of reaching the fourth round, but also counted as one of the two games Mick

Harford misses through suspension for passing the 21-point mark with his booking against Chelsea.

Mick, incidentally, had been walking a tightrope on 21 points since November and had brought four disciplinary points with him into the new season from his efforts for Derby County last season, long before he came back to Kenilworth Road.

Last week, we all sent our best wishes to Sean Farrell as he left the club to join Fulham after a transfer had been agreed. Sean had been on one month's loan to Fulham and obviously impressed as he cracked a hat-trick in one of their Christmas fixtures.

We all wish Sean, who is another boy who came right through the ranks here at Kenilworth Road, good luck and send the same sentiments to Kevin Shanley, who has been released by the club, and Graham Rodger, who has joined Grimsby Town on one month's loan. Tim Allpress, who had been at Preston on loan, is now back.



Three presentations to reflect happy Christmas period

Captain's diary

By Trevor Peake



First of all I would like to welcome you all to Kenilworth Road for the first time in 1992. I'm sure you all share my optimism when I say that the new year will bring us an improvement in the team's performances and results...we are already seeing some of the benefits now.

Turning to the younger players at the club, I am pleased to report that Steven Goodridge, a 15-year-old midfielder who is one of our schoolboys, has fulfilled a dream by being selected for the England Schoolboys' squad. He has been to three trials at Lilleshall and we wish him well.

Our youth team were out of luck when they went to Norwich City last week and bowed out of the FA Youth Cup in their replayed third round tie. The youngsters were beaten 4-1.

There will be brighter news here this afternoon, however, with three special presentations taking place, two of which are to our young Welsh international Mark Pembroke. The first award is from Barclays who nominated our victory over Arsenal on Boxing Day as the 'performance of the week.'

As a result of that, a group of youngsters from the Pioneer Boys Club in Dunstable will today be presented with a cheque for £300 and a new strip, which they will be wearing. This is our second such award -- the first came two years ago when we won at Derby on the last day of the season.

The other two presentations today will both go to Mark. The first is an inscribed silver salver for being selected by England manager Graham Taylor as the London and East Anglia region Barclays Young Eagle and the third an award for striking the fastest goal of 1992 with his effort after 33 seconds at Nottingham Forest on New Year's Day.

Another spectacular goal, Richard Harvey's against Chelsea, has also earned commendation and has been put forward as a contender for 'goal of the month' on television.

Finally, a few notes on re-arranged fixtures. Our Barclays League Division One visit to Crystal Palace, postponed on December 15, will now be played on January 25 at Selhurst Park, kick-off 3pm. Our Football Combination fixtures at Reading and Wimbledon have also been re-scheduled for January 31 and January 15 respectively.

myself have been pleased with the way things have gone, it definitely helps having a settled back four, not only for the players involved, but also for the goalkeeper.

Although the games against Forest and Liverpool will have made the rest of the First Division sit up and take notice of us, they both ended in frustration and disappointment, particularly as we came so close to winning both. Against Forest we couldn't have got off to a better start through Mark Pembroke's first of the season and we defended exceptionally well for 89 minutes. When they scored it was a real kick in the teeth...yet again we surrendered all three points in the dying moments of the game.

The same thing happened at Liverpool, which can be a daunting place to play at the best of times. There are not many clubs this season who will go to Anfield and have them despairing like we did. Then the dreaded last five minutes came and we conceded two goals. It was agony walking off the pitch being so close to winning, yet ending up with nothing. It is as much a psychological thing now, but I can assure you we will be trying our hardest to make sure it doesn't happen again.

The FA Cup defeat was crazy as we looked comfortable for so long and then just caved in. Defensive errors were mainly to blame, although at least we can now concentrate on our performances in the league 100%.

Enjoy the game and keep up your fine support.



The Prime Minister, John Major, receives a memento of his visit to Kenilworth Road from our Managing Director, David Kohler, after the match with Chelsea on December 28th.



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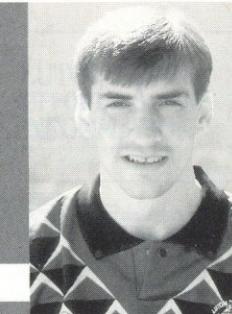
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Today we give West Ham a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road. We also welcome the Junior Hammers who are watching today's game at the invitation of our Junior Hatters. Both sets of supporters have also been playing football this morning.

□ I hope you all had a good time on our trip to Nottingham Forest. We are running a coach to Sheffield Wednesday on February 1. The coach will leave from Oak Road at 8am and arrive at Sheffield Swimming Pool at 11am. You will need to take your swimming trunks/costumes and towels with you and the cost at the pool will be £1.50 juniors and £2.00 adults. The price of the trip will be £6.50 for Junior Hatters and £8.00 for parents. A packed lunch is recommended and you can book from the Oak Road Sports Shop after the game.

□ On Monday, January 27 we will be holding our next Junior Hatters meeting. It will be held in the Club Room at the training ground in Ely

Way, off Oakley Road, Luton (near the Electrolux Factory). It starts at 7pm and there will be a snack bar at half time. The guest speaker will be Peter Palmer from Luton Police. He will show you a video and talk about his travels to games both home and away. Let's have a good turn out and remember, entry is free, so just turn up on the night. New members are also welcome.

□ Our next home game is on Saturday, February 8 v Norwich City. We will be entertaining the Junior Canaries, so if you would like to play football for the Junior Hatters that day let Bev know in the Sports Shop.

□ Today's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is.....0053, which means LOUIS NEWMAN is the winner of two free tickets for one of our remaining home games this season. To claim your prize, Louis, please call into the Oak Road Sports Shop with your membership card.

Match Mascot



Today's mascot is John Murphy. He is 9-years-old and goes to Thornhill Lower School. He is interested in wrestling and football and plays for Barnfield Colts. John's favourite player is Mark Pembridge.

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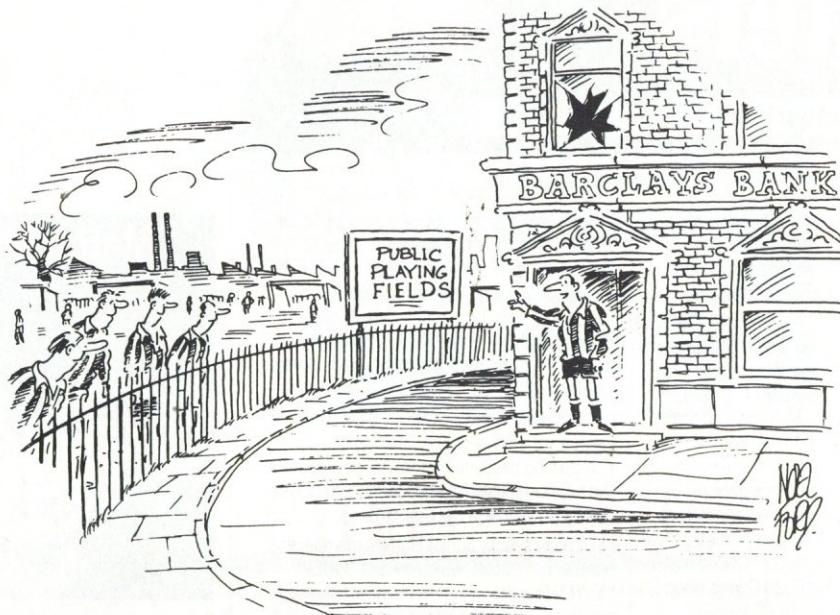
THE GOALKEEPER HAS CONFUSED THESE FANS BY WRITING ONE LETTER OF HIS CLUB'S NAME ON EACH AUTOGRAPH BOOK. CAN YOU WORK OUT THE CLUB'S NAME?

ANSWER: THE NAME OF THE CLUB IS PORTSMOUTH.

The re-arranged fixture with Crystal Palace is on Saturday, January 25th. We are running a coach to this game if you would like to play football for the Junior Hatters. The coach will leave from Oak Road at 8.45am and the price will be £5.00 for Junior Hatters and £6.00 parents. Book from the Oak Road Sports Shop. A packed lunch is recommended.



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Fans' view

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1st Luton Town away game: at Highbury, v Ipswich Town, FA Cup Third Round second replay, 1961/62, lost 5-1.
Favourite player (past): Graham French.
Favourite player (present): Mick Harford.
Favourite other team: Aylesbury United.
Best Luton goal last season: Mick Harford o.g. v Derby.
Best Luton goal ever seen: Graham French v Mansfield, 1968/69.
Number of league grounds visited: 79.
Favourite away ground: Villa Park.
Worst away ground: Popes Meadow.
Most memorable Luton Town match: Littlewoods Cup Final, 1988.
All-time Town team: Read, Dougan, Jardine, Slough, Branston, Moore, French, Buxton, Allen, Riach, Whittaker.
Subs: Foster, MacDonald.



**LUTON TOWN
SUPPORTERS CLUB
INFORMATION**

Welcome to the West Ham players and supporters with special greetings to former Luton Town players Tim (former player of the year) Breacker and Mitchell Thomas.

Congratulations to the team for their achievements over Christmas and the new year period, nine points from three games - great! A further three points today would be tremendous.

During the Christmas holiday we had the pleasure of entertaining two members of the Scandinavian branch of The Supporters Club, Lars-Petter Rønnestad and Thomas Møller stayed with Karen and Rob Pickstock, members of the supporters club, with Bill Tomlin's help I was able to show them around Kenilworth Road.

Thankyou to Andy King for his hospitality and conducted tour around the ground. Andy's tea is made with boiling water!

A very special thankyou to all the players for the time they took in chatting to the lads, signing autographs and posing (for photographs of course, what else!!) It's a long way to come to see your heros and it is always nice because at Luton Town Football Club you can fulfill a dream for such supporters; if we are aware of such visits to our club we always try and arrange a personal visit, where as at larger clubs they really haven't the personal contact or time.

Watch out for February's issue of the Essentials magazine, in it you will find an article on a Luton Town supporters club family. Nicky, Rob, James and Lauren Parsons very kindly agreed to be interviewed and photographed at Kenilworth Road. As this magazine is distributed all over the country I felt it was an opportunity we shouldn't let slip as such P.R. is always welcome.

January 29th Alan West and Andy King will be guest speakers at our supporters club meeting. Tickets will be available after today's match in our kiosk or you can pay on the night.

Thankyou to all who have wrote to me after receiving their Christmas newsletter, card and key ring. We are so glad you enjoyed your Christmas 'goodies'.

Enjoy the game, support the team.

Pam Gray

Want to air your views?

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Bigger nets if possible

Dear Sir,

I have now been a Luton Town supporter for five years and have been a regular member of the home crowd. For the last two seasons I have had a season ticket with the rest of my family in the Oak Road end of the ground, with the seats and views of the playing pitch being particularly good.

This season we are situated at the Kenilworth Road end with comfortable seats and generous leg room, but the reason I am writing to you concerns the view behind the goal. The size of the net squares are restricting our view and making it very hard to see the state of play from the centre of the pitch. As we see it, the net covers almost the entire middle section of the grass.

So we ask a great favour of the groundsman. PLEASE! PLEASE! remove the small squared net and replace it with a much larger squared one. This will make us all very happy and help us to enjoy the game more.

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Street parking is available

Nearest railway: Sheffield (B/R)

MANCHESTER CITY

By road: Take the M1 and then the M6 north to junction 19. Then join the A556 and the M56 until junction 3. Join the A5103 (sign-posted Manchester) for three miles to crossroads. Turn right into Claremont Road and half a mile later turn right again into Maine Road for ground.

Large car park is available in Kippax Street and there is some street parking available.

Nearest railway: Manchester Picadilly.

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 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 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, with the usual pick-up points en route.

Fares for the trip to MANCHESTER CITY will be £9.50 adults and £7.50 OAP's/children, with coaches leaving Cranfield at 8.30 am and Luton at 9.30 am, again with the usual pick-up points en route.

Barclays League Division One

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY v LUTON TOWN

Saturday, February 1, 1992, kick-off 3pm.

Whilst this match is not all ticket, Luton supporters are requested to purchase their ticket before travelling. There is seating only available priced at £12 each (no concessions) from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road.

Barclays League Division One

LUTON TOWN v NORWICH CITY

Saturday, February 8th, 1992, kick-off 3pm.

Tickets for this match are available from Saturday, January 25. Normal league prices and guesting facilities apply.

Barclays League Division One

MANCHESTER CITY v LUTON TOWN

Saturday, February 15, 1992, kick-off 3pm.

Unreserved seating only available for this match, pay at the turnstile, at the PLATT LANE STAND price is £10 (no concessions). No tickets available from Kenilworth Road

Barclays League Division One

LUTON TOWN v SHEFFIELD UNITED

Saturday, February 22, 1992, kick-off 3pm.

Tickets for this match go on sale on Saturday, February 8. Normal league prices and guesting facilities apply.

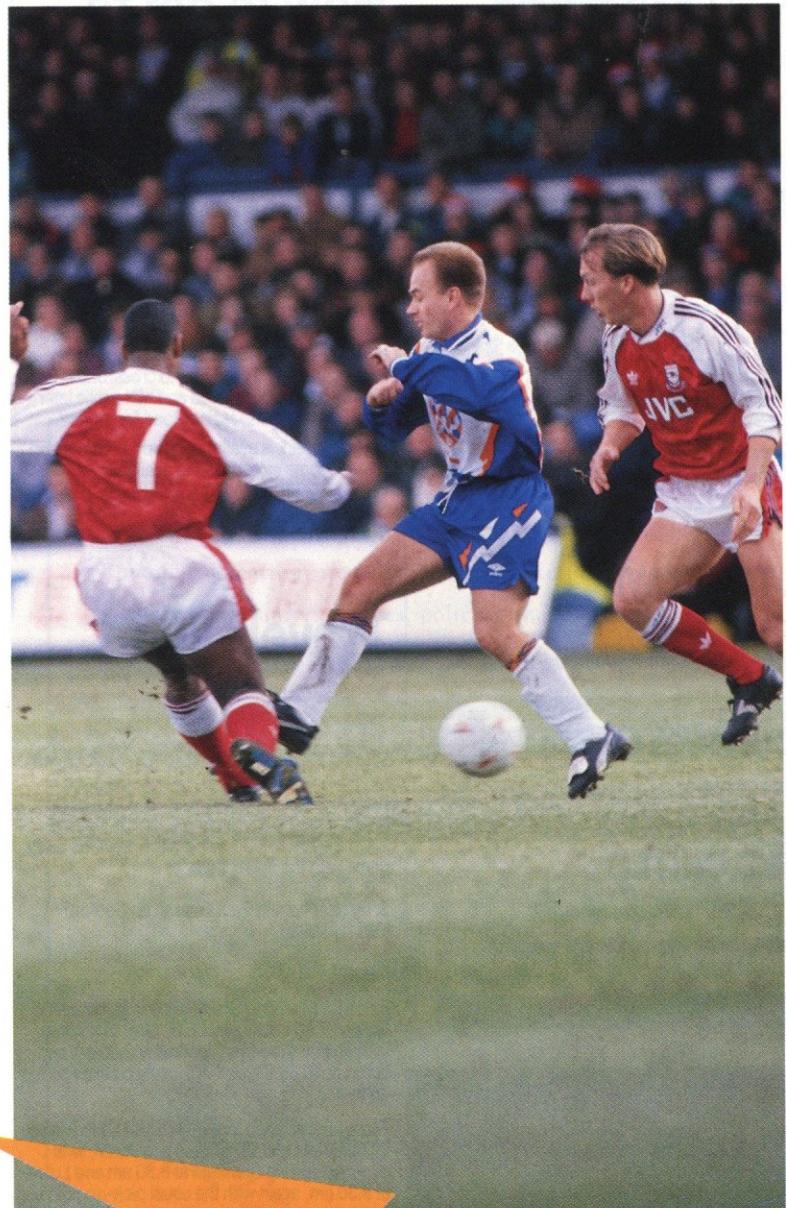
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Action replay

Pictures by Josh Levy

From Kenilworth Road
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(Borehamwood)



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Mick Harford's sweetly-struck winner in the second half brought the Town their second consecutive Christmas victory on Boxing Day. In our action pictures today, Chris Kamara, Brian Stein and David Preece are captured showing the skill and spirit which earned a deserved three points.

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Today's visitors

By Luke Nicoli



Back Row (left to right): Tony Gale, Colin Foster, Trevor Morley, Ludek Miklosko, Alvin Martin, Matthew Rush, Martin Allen, Middle Row (left to right): Mike Small, Tim Breacker, George Parris, Frank McAvennie, Leroy Rosenior, Simon Livett, Front Row (left to right): Kevin Keen, Chris Hughton, Julian Dicks, Ian Bishop, Mitchell Thomas, Steve Potts, Stuart Slater.

When West Ham United dismissed Swindon Town 2-0 at Upton Park on Saturday, April 20, it confirmed their return to the top flight. It was no more than the Hammers deserved, as over the marathon season of 1990-91 they had led all the way.

Despite losing the Second Division title 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 (dismisssing of the Town and Everton along the way) and the fact that Mr Bonds had restored the old values upon which the 'academy' has been built.

A major factor to West Ham's success has been the way in which all their major signings have fitted into the side with ease. Over the past couple of years, Ian Bishop, Tim Breacker, Frank McAvennie and more recently, Mike Small and Mitchell Thomas have settled in with remarkable ease. Bishop, becoming club captain and Small the club's top-scorer this term.

This season, however, West Ham, like their promoted rivals Oldham and Notts County, have found life tough in the First Division. With, at the time

of writing, only 20 points from 23 league games the Hammers find themselves in 21st place after picking up only one point from their three Christmas games against Sheffield United, Aston Villa and Notts County.

The Hammers have never quite recovered from their poor start to the season where they won only two of their opening twelve matches. Like many 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 against Tottenham and Arsenal have proved this and with the likes of Gale, Parris, Thomas and McAvennie in the side, there is enough experience to pull the club through during the hard winter months.

One positive aspect of the Hammers' trying season so far has been the form of summer signing Mike Small. A player who cost the club only £400,000 from Brighton, Small has been a revelation for West Ham. In his first season in Division One since leaving Luton in 1982 he had scored 14 goals at the time of writing and could go on to become the find of the season.

Small is one of three players in the current West Ham side who have connections with Luton Town. Right-back Tim Breacker, who was a firm favourite at

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Hammers on Parade

LUDEK MIKLOSKO (goalkeeper) - Czechoslovakian international goalkeeper, Ludo joined West Ham from Banik Ostrava for £300,000 in December 1989. He kept 25 clean sheets last season and the 21 he maintained in league games was just one short of the all-time club record set by Phil Parkes. His fine form also earned him the Hammer of the Year title.

TIM BREACKER (defender) - A former Town favourite, Tim became Billy Bonds' first signing when he joined the Hammers in October 1990 for a £600,000 fee. He joined the Town straight from school and, after making his debut v Ipswich in 1984, was a permanent fixture in the Luton line-up.

JULIAN DICKS (defender) - Recently returned from a serious knee injury, Julian joined West Ham from Birmingham City for £300,000 in 1988. An inspirational leader, his return was complete when he scored a late penalty in his comeback game, the Hammer's drawing 1-1 with Sheffield United at Upton Park.



Julian Dicks

IAN BISHOP (midfield) - Club captain, Ian emerged as one of West Ham's outstanding players during last season's promotion campaign. He started his career at Everton, but made his League debut on loan at Crewe in 1984. His career took off at Bournemouth after a spell at Carlisle and Manchester City signed him for £750,000 in 1988. He joined West Ham the following season as part of the deal which took Mark Ward to Maine Road.

KEVIN KEEN (midfield) - Kevin, who is a former England Schoolboy international, is now in his sixth season at Upton Park. He made his debut v Liverpool in 1986 but it took a couple of seasons before he became a regular in the Hammers' line-up. Some fans may remember that his father, Mike, used to play for the Town.

GEORGE PARRIS (midfield) - A popular and hard-working player, George developed through the ranks at Upton Park and made his debut v Liverpool in 1985. Last season was probably George's best as he scored as many goals (eight) as he had in all of his previous seasons with the club! He was also voted runner-up in the Hammer of the Year poll.

STUART SLATER (midfield) - A very promising youngster, Stuart joined West Ham from school. He established himself as a prolific scorer in the reserve and youth sides at Upton Park, prompting a first team call-up in 1987 v Derby County. Last season Stuart earned rave reviews nationally and his form was rewarded with an England B cap v Switzerland.

MITCHELL THOMAS (midfield) - A player who started his career at Kenilworth Road, Mitchell made his debut for the Town in a 3-2 win at Upton Park in 1983. The former England B and under-21 international followed Mr Pleat to Tottenham in 1986 and enjoyed a fairly regular place in the Tottenham side before joining West Ham for £500,000 in the summer.

MIKE SMALL (forward) - Another player with Luton connections, Mike started his career at Kenilworth Road, making four substitute appearances during season 1981/82. After a loan period with Peterborough he decided to turn his attentions abroad and enjoyed spells with Twente Enschede, Standard Liege and PAOK Athens before joining Brighton from the Greek club for £70,000 in 1990. After scoring 21 times in his first season back in England, West Ham signed Mike for £400,000 in the summer and his form has continued in the same vein this term.

FRANK MCAVENNIE (forward) - Frank started his career at St Mirren in 1981/82 and scored 62 goals in four seasons. This form prompted the Hammers to sign Frank in 1985 and he immediately formed a striking partnership with Tony Cottee. He scored 28 goals in the first season in England and earned a call-up to the Scottish national team. After two successful seasons with Celtic, Frank returned to Upton Park in 1988 and this season has seen him return to form with a regular first-team place.

Meet the Boss



BILLY BONDS

Born in Woolwich on September 17, 1946, Billy Bonds started out on his long and successful footballing career with his local club Charlton Athletic in 1964. He made an immediate impact at the heart of the Valiants defence and established himself as one of the hottest young properties around.

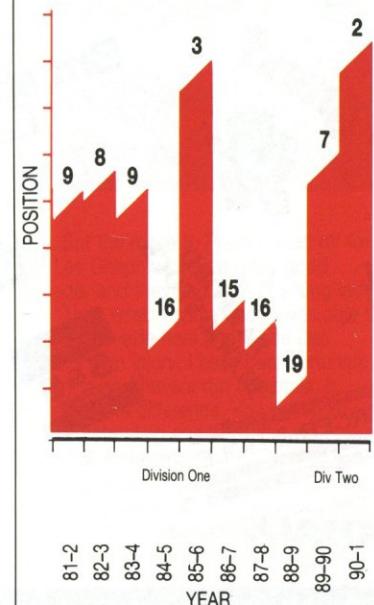
It was no surprise when, in 1967, after making nearly 100 league appearances for Charlton, Mr Bonds was transferred to West Ham for £50,000. It was at Upton Park that his career really took off, collecting FA Cup winner's medals in 1975 and 1980 after succeeding Bobby Moore as the Hammers' captain in 1973.

Mr Bonds is West Ham through and through. He remained a loyal and hard-working servant to West Ham spanning an incredible twenty-one years. Over 500 appearances later and at the age of 41, Billy decided to hang up his boots and take a break from the rigours of professional football. He was rewarded with two testimonials, the trouble was that West Ham was in his blood, something that just would not go away.

It is well known that the Hammers like to 'keep it in the family' as far as managers are concerned. After breaking the mould with Lou Macari, the West Ham board decided to return to this tradition in 1990...there was only one candidate...Billy Bonds.

He crowned his first full season as manager by achieving promotion to the First Division, finishing just one point adrift of Division Two champions Oldham Athletic. A manager whose influence and presence has rubbed off on his entire squad, 'Bonzo' knows that the hardest battle still lies ahead in securing Premier League status, but for the West Ham faithful there is no better man for the job.

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Player profile

Julian James

For Julian James 1991-92 has been a topsy-turvy season so far, but after a successful mid-term period in which he has settled into the right-back spot, he is determined to make the position his own. "I have been fortunate with other players' injuries and I have worked hard at my game. Now I aim to make the most of it and to remain a regular in the side," said Julian.

Although he made his Football League debut for the Town back in the 1987-88 season, when he made three appearances in the final section of the campaign, Julian remains one of the club's young brigade. He will not celebrate his 22nd birthday until March this year.

"Sometimes people think you might have been around longer than you have, if you started your career at a young age. But that is just the way it is. My job is to just settle down, improve my game and play football. And that is all I want to do."

Julian's early form earned him England under-21 recognition a few years ago, but since then he has suffered a series of irritating and upsetting injuries. These affected his form and it was a benefit in disguise for him this season when he went to Preston North End on loan.

"Last year I had so many stupid injuries it was annoying. I had a broken cheekbone and a broken nose. I wondered what it would be next. The injuries don't help when you are trying to settle down and to establish yourself."

"This year I just did not seem to start off on the right foot. I don't know exactly

JULIAN JAMES FACT FILE

Born: Tring, 22.3.70
First club: Luton Town
FL debut: Southampton v Luton Town (1-1)
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International honours: England under-21 caps.



why. But the move to Preston paid off for me. Les Chapman was a really good manager and they had a lot of young lads.

"Then when I came back I was able to get into the side here and, since Des Linton's own injury, I have been fortunate to stay in and have a run of games. It makes all the difference. You can build up an understanding and I feel that we now have that in defence."

"The whole team benefits from it and I think that is partly why we managed to start winning games again at Christmas. But, overall with the three games, I did not think we played as well as we can. Team spirit was the thing which mattered most."

"I feel we are a much better team than a lot of the others in the league, but we have to go out and prove it. We have proved what we can do by standing up to and beating the likes of Arsenal and Chelsea. The main thing now is to keep on putting the ball in the net."

Julian, who lives in Tring, came to Luton as a schoolboy and his progress through the ranks has been an example to follow. He says the main influences on his career have been all the coaches he has worked under at Kenilworth Road and his father... who used to be a steward at Watford. Now, said Julian, he watches him play for the Town all the time.



Autograph

Julian James

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Update: World Cup '94

Luke Nicoli investigates the bids from cities hoping to host the World Cup group games in the United States in 1994.

Three and a half years after the final competition of the 1994 World Cup was awarded to the USA, two groups from FIFA inspected 19 out of the prospective 25 venues last month. The local organisers (LOC) of USA '94 wanted to show the FIFA officials every city bidding for the games, however, FIFA asked the officials responsible to narrow the choice down themselves, leaving 21 stadia to look at.

The 25 prospective venues are Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Columbus, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, East Rutherford, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Miami, New Haven, New Orleans, Orlando, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa Bay, Washington, Charlotte, Honolulu, Knoxville, New York, Phoenix and Portland.

By the end of February, the choice will again be trimmed down to the twelve stadia which will eventually host the finals.

By that time, a number of technical, legal and administrative obstacles will have been cleared. Artificial turf, the width of the field and baseball are the three main stumbling blocks which threaten to halt progress at the moment. In stadia which are in frequent use and subject to changeable weather, such as the Giants stadium in New York, the playing pitch is covered with astroturf. Switching, at least temporarily, to natural turf, as required for a World Cup competition, should be only a matter of routine for a country such as the United States.

The project becomes tricky, however, if the turf has to be laid around the pitch to comply with the width of 68m (room needed for throw-ons, corners etc). The whole playing surface then needs to be elevated, or the first few rows of seats need to be removed, to compensate. The Giants Stadium faces such a problem, along with similar stadia in Kansas City and Detroit, which happens to be a covered dome, capable of holding 82,000 spectators.

The Pontiac Silver Dome in Detroit has been receiving particular interest as it could, quite possibly, become the first venue to hold World Cup group matches indoors.

FIFA General Secretary, Sepp Blatter, has welcomed the prospect of USA '94 offering "a new dimension in the spectacle of football", so there is a possibility that such a radical step could be accepted come the end of February. Critics, however, would

question the validity of the turf (will it be compact, stay green, and firm under artificial lighting?) and also the change in air pressure of an indoor stadium, compared to outdoors, which is needed to support the canopy above.

At present, FIFA are carrying out extensive tests at Detroit...it will be interesting to hear what their final decision will be next month.

So that leaves the problem of baseball. A city like Philadelphia, for instance, has good facilities in the shape of the Veterans Stadium, but can only make it available for 18 days on account of the baseball franchise. That is a very short time to allow for the adaptation of the stadium to the requirements of football, such as the turf, advertising space and technical installations for the television and press.

In spite of all the aforementioned problems, it should still not be difficult for FIFA to choose twelve suitable stadia. Firstly American stadium owners are used to huge spectacles drawing masses of people and, secondly, the LOC found the support from the organisational groups from the prospective venues overwhelming, even if not all the candidates know exactly what is in store for them.

Everyone wants to join in and are calling on celebrities from Mickey Mouse to General Norman Schwarzkopf to try and convince FIFA of the importance of staging some of the 53 World Cup games in a particular place.



The Veterans Stadium, Philadelphia...Baseball takes priority.



World Cup Draw

Last month saw the draw for the qualifying rounds of USA '94. The European groups, which contain the largest contingent of countries ever, are as follows:

Group One:-

Italy, Scotland, Portugal, Switzerland, Malta, Estonia

Group Two:-

England, The Netherlands, Poland, Norway, Turkey, San Marino

Group Three:-

Spain, Eire, Denmark, N Ireland, Albania, Lithuania, Latvia

Group Four:-

Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Wales, Cyprus, Faroe Islands

Group Five:-

USSR?, Yugoslavia?, Hungary, Greece, Iceland, Luxembourg

Group Six:-

France, Austria, Sweden, Bulgaria, Finland, Israel

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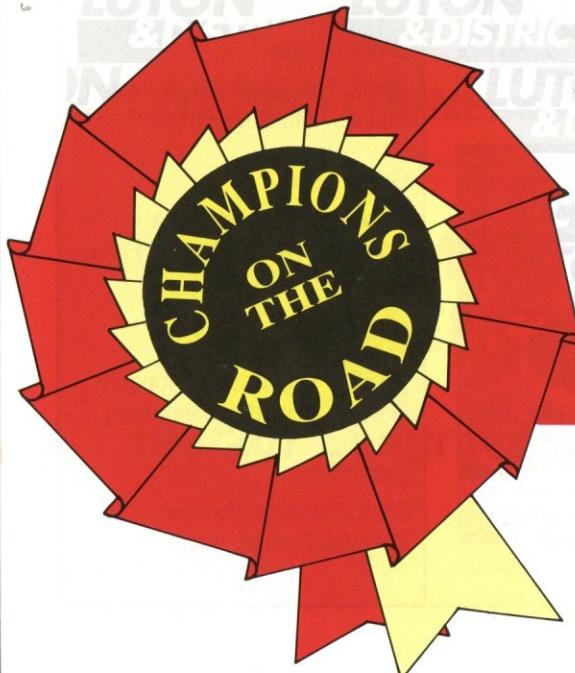
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Richard Harvey (above) celebrates his spectacular goal against Chelsea on December 28. David Preece (below) is pictured in action in the same match.



Looking back

By Roger Wash

The Last Time We Met...

August 17, 1991

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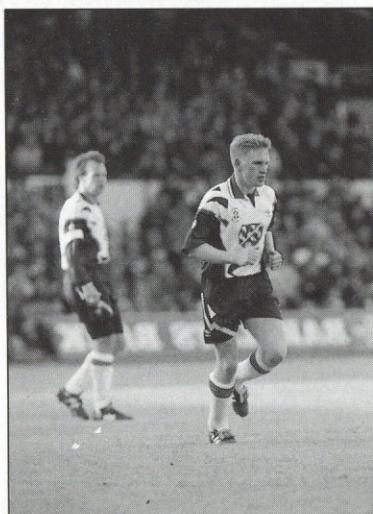
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West Ham Utd - Miklosko, Brown, Foster, Breacker, Thomas, Allen, Parris, Bishop (Keen) Slater, Small, Rosenior.

Luton Town - Chamberlain, Beaumont, Rodger, Dreyer, Harvey, Pembridge, McDonough, Preece, Black, Stein, Farrell (Gray).

It was agreed after the event that a draw was a fair result in this opening game.

West Ham had the majority of possession especially in the first half but the Town came closest to scoring when a shot from Mark Pembridge cannoned off the bar.



Mark Pembridge hit the bar

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Big crowds hushed as the Town enjoy a memorable double over the Irons

The Town's first match of 1980/81 was away to West Ham at Upton Park - not the ideal start to a season for a variety of reasons.

West Ham were parading both the F.A. Cup, which they had won at the end of the previous season, and new signing Paul Goddard purchased from QPR for close on a million pounds. Luton by contrast were without the previous season's leading scorer - Bob Hatton - and had only one cut-price signing to boast in Raddy Antic.

Ten minutes before kick-off the crowd of 27,933 was whipped up into a frenzy as the West Ham players carried out a lap of honour with the Cup and, as the game commenced, the Town were immediately pushed back by wave after wave of attacking play.

By half time West Ham were well ahead on points for, despite Paul Price keeping a very close control over Goddard, only a couple of superb saves by Jake Findlay and the woodwork had prevented the 'Hammers' taking the lead.

West Ham's increasing frustration looked over in the 57th minute when Tony Grealish up-ended Pat Holland in the box. Ray Stewart scored from the resulting penalty.

A double substitution then turned the game with firstly, Goddard limping off to be replaced by defender Frank Lampard and then Alan West coming on for the Town for Steve White with Antic being pushed up front in his place.

Gradually the Town began to take the upper hand with West playing some lovely through balls to David Moss and Brian Stein who, in turn, were pulling the West Ham defence all over the place.

The breakthrough came in the 75th minute when Moss, clean through, was tripped by Alvin Martin. The winger despatched the penalty with ease as he did again when, with only two minutes to go, Stein was tripped by Billy Bonds. The carnival atmosphere had now turned positively funeral.

West Ham managed to pick themselves up from this disappointment for, by the time of the return game three months later, they had gone a club record 15 games without defeat and were sitting proudly at the head of the Division Two table.

The Town's form had been patchy after their fine start to the season. After winning the first two games they then picked up only one more victory in the next eleven games before winning three out of the next four.

This time it was the Town's turn to attack from the start and their persistence was rewarded in the 13th minute when a through ball from Ricky Hill was touched off by White to the onrushing Stein who hit

a scorcher from 20 yards past a helpless Phil Parkes.

More excitement was to follow five minutes later when the Town increased their lead when White fed Stein again who this time took the ball around Parkes to score from an acute angle.

Although looking dead and buried West Ham continued to fight hard in an open game played in difficult, wet conditions and their perseverance paid off when they reduced the arrears shortly before half time through a close range header from Trevor Brooking.

The Hammers came out with a vengeance in the second half and threw everything at the Town defence and it was not long before the equaliser came, albeit fortunately, from the boot of Trevor Brooking after he fought through several tackles, saw his first shot hit Findlay, his second hit the post and the third creep over the line.

To their credit the Town bounced back and, roared on by a best of the season crowd of 17,031, increased the pressure once again on the West Ham rearguard.

This pressure eventually paid off when, with five minutes left on the clock, Kirk Stephens centred, Hill met it with a flying header and Moss was in a position to thump home the winner.

So ended a memorable game, full of everything good in football and without a hint of malice throughout.

West Ham would only lose two more games during the course of that season, both away, as they strode on to the Championship. The Town finished fifth.

First Game

Luton T - Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Saxby, Price, Hill, Grealish, Antic, Stein, White (West), Moss.

West Ham - Parkes, Stewart, Brush, Martin, Bonds, Devonshire, Brooking, Pike, Holland, Goddard (Lampard), Cross.

Second Game

Luton T - Findlay, Stephens, Aizlewood (West), Saxby, Price, Grealish, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, White, Moss.

West Ham - Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Martin, Bonds, Holland, Devonshire, Brooking, Pike, Goddard, Cross.



Brian Stein scored twice against the Hammers 11 years ago.

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Did you know?

The first time we met West Ham in the Football League was in 1937/38. Both games finished in draws - 2-2 at Kenilworth Road and 0-0 at Upton Park.

It happened five years ago

24/1/87 - A goal from Mike Newell was enough to see off Leicester at Kenilworth Road. The win pushed the Town up to fourth position.

It happened ten years ago

19/1/82 - The Town drew 0-0 at Charlton in a game that was due to be played the previous Saturday but was called off because of the weather. This was only the second time that season Luton had failed to score in a game.

It happened 15 years ago

22/1/77 - In a game televised on 'Match of the Day' goals from Ron Fletcher and Jim Husband with two secured an emphatic 3-0 win at Sheffield United. This game marked the start of a remarkable sequence of eleven wins from the next twelve matches.

It happened 20 years ago

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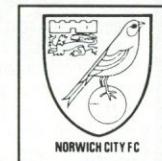
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League wise, the season so far has not been a particularly vintage one by Norwich's high standards and at the time of writing they are placed twelfth in Division One with only two wins away from home, both times in West London at Q.P.R. (2-0) and Chelsea (3-0).

Though this season's inconsistency has been a disappointment to the Canaries' fans, it is not entirely unexpected after the changes that have taken place over the last couple of seasons. After losing influential players such as Andy Townsend to Chelsea and Andy Linighan to Arsenal, both in £1 million deals, Mr Stringer has recently succumbed to another big money move for forward Dale Gordon.

Dale, who joined Glasgow Rangers for £1 million in November, was the

club's top scorer with five goals when he left. Since no Norwich player has scored more than seven League goals for three seasons, his presence is bound to be missed.

Nevertheless, Mr Stringer has learnt to overcome such problems in the past, and has also made some inspired signings of his own. Paul Blades and John Polsten were signed last season from Derby County and Tottenham respectively. They were added to a side which contained the likes of million pound rated Tim Sherwood and Ian Crook in midfield, Mark Bowen in defence and Robert Fleck in attack, all signings also made by Mr Stringer and who have gone on to become success stories at Carrow Road.

This season's only new signing is Darren Beckford, a £925,000 buy from

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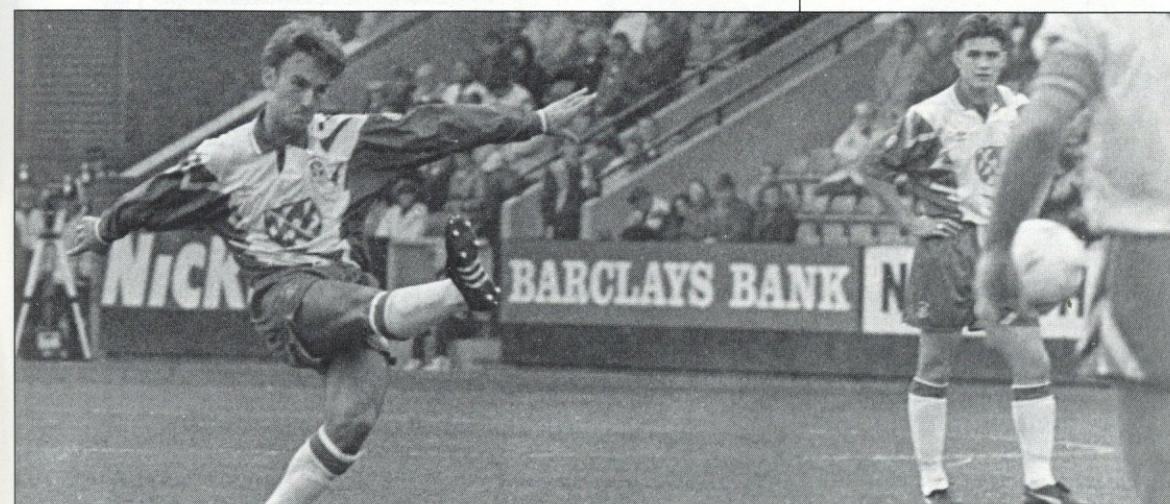
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Port Vale. A player who scored 65 goals in three seasons for Vale, Beckford has not settled in to the Canaries side as well as Mr Stringer's other signings. At the time of writing, he has scored only six goals, and has recently been dropped and replaced by Ruel Fox.

Canaries supporters can gain heart from the fact that, as a good footballing side, they always do well in the domestic cup competitions. Already in the fourth round of the FA Cup after beating Barnsley 1-0, City have also had a good Rumbelows League Cup run this season. After beating Charlton, Brentford and West Ham, they lost to Tottenham 2-1 in the quarter-finals.

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Scott Oakes, who made his Town debut against Norwich, is pictured in action at Carrow Road on October 26th.

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Paul Telfer (above) and John Dreyer (below) are pictured during our 1-0 win against Coventry last month.



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Guest spot

By John Litster

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Serious Collecting

John Litster, Editor of 'Programme Monthly' magazine, concludes his series by taking a look at serious programme collecting...

One of the benefits of programme collecting is that it can be enjoyed as an occasional diversion or as a serious pastime. A few thousand individuals throughout the British Isles treat the hobby as very serious indeed, spending hours each week cataloguing and caring for their programmes, and scouring club shops, programme fairs and dealers catalogues for additional ideas for their collection and more particularly those elusive programmes in the 'wants' list.

The serious collectors will certainly be of a number of years standing in the hobby and will have developed a circle of contacts amongst collectors of other specialities, alongside those who share similar interests in programme collecting. They will be a member of programme

clubs, either on a local or regional basis, or the national UKPC. They will avidly read each issue of programme monthly, digesting news and the goings on in the hobby, filing away facts and figures on programmes, and sifting through the pages of programmes for sale, exchange and wants.

The serious collector will subscribe to a number of dealer's lists, and have an encyclopaedic memory of postal auctions, successful or otherwise, when it comes to submitting an offer for a rare issue. Every so often, the postal delivery will be eagerly awaited for the arrival of a leading catalogue, then hours will be spent attempting to telephone in an early order to avoid disappointment in obtaining an unwanted item.

The serious collector will have a sophisticated and much thumbed cataloguing system, and his prized possessions will be well and truly protected in display folders. Such devotion to the chosen pastime will be replicated across every other hobby, the length and breadth of the country, but enjoyment of programme collecting need not be so dedicated. There can be just as much pleasure gained out of 100 programmes, as there can be for the dedicated collector who has thousands...

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Keeping track - your day-by-day football diary

Jan 4 — The FA Cup third round inevitably brings its usual shocks. This time it is the turn of champions Arsenal. Their woeful season continues with a shock 2-1 defeat at Fourth Division strugglers Wrexham....West Ham also struggle as they draw with Conference side Farnborough Town at Upton Park. The game will be more remembered for the protest on the pitch concerning the Hammers Bond....Manchester City go out of the competition after losing at Middlesbrough for the second time this season, 2-1.....The Town crash 0-4 at Sheffield United despite being only 1-0 down with 15 minutes left.

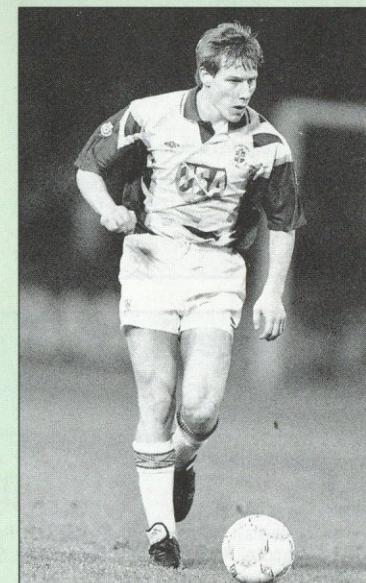
Jan 5 — Still in the FA Cup Aston Villa and Tottenham draw 0-0, but the game of the round between Leeds and Manchester United is postponed due to a water logged pitch.....Abroad, Milan confirm their revival with a 5-0 drubbing of third placed Napoli in Italy. Juventus remain in second place after a 1-0 win at Parma.....In Spain Atletico Madrid beat their rivals Real in a table-topping clash. A 2-0 win leaves Atletico only four points behind Real at the top of the table and increases the pressure on manager and former Town favourite Raddy

Antic.....Countries such as Austria, Belgium, France, Germany and Holland are currently enjoying a winter break.

Jan 6 — Terry Butcher is sacked as manager of Coventry City after failing to take a reduction in pay...John Barnes scores a hat-trick on his return to the Liverpool side after an achilles tendon injury had kept him out of action since August. The Reds beat Crewe to progress to the next round of the FA Cup.

Jan 7 — Don Howe is installed as the new manager of Coventry.....Graham Rodger joins Second Division Grimsby Town on loan.

Jan 8 — Manchester United beat Leeds in the Rumbelows Cup quarter-finals, 3-1. Tottenham also progress to the semis following a 2-1 win over Norwich. The games between Nottingham Forest and Crystal Palace, and Peterborough and Middlesbrough both end in draws.....Steve Archibald joins Reading from St Mirren, initially on a loan period....Arsenal's Ian Wright is fined £1,500 for a spitting incident at Oldham, Paul Merson is also fined £500 for an indecent gesture at the same game.



Julian James is pictured in action at Sheffield United on January 4.

Reserves and youth



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	(Beds Prem Floodlight Cup)	
Sat 2 Nov	Chelsea	0-2
Mon 11 Nov	Portsmouth	0-2
Mon 18 Nov	West Ham United	0-0
Mon 25 Nov	Tottenham Hotspur	4-1
Thurs 28 Nov	Wimbledon	1-1
Mon 2 Dec	Potton (BPC)	3-5
Mon 16 Dec	Brighton & Hove Albion	2-1
Mon 6 Jan	Fulham	0-2
Wed 15 Jan	Ipswich Town	3-2
Mon 20 Jan	Wimbledon	
Mon 27 Jan	Crystal Palace	
Fri 31 Jan	Queens Park Rangers	
Mon 3 Feb	Reading	
Wed 12 Feb	Watford	
Wed 19 Feb	Oxford United	
Tues 25 Feb	Swindon Town	
Mon 2 Mar	Queens Park Rangers	
Tue 10 Mar	Crystal Palace	
Mon 16 Mar	Watford	
Mon 23 Mar	Southampton	
Tues 31 Mar	Reading	
Mon 6 Apr	Chelsea	
Sat 11 Apr	Swindon Town	
Mon 13 Apr	Southampton	
Wed 15 Apr	Portsmouth	
Wed 22 Apr	Fulham	
	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	Goals	Pts
Q.P.R.	21	14	1	6	45	24	43	
Chelsea	20	13	3	4	48	23	42	
Crystal Palace	21	12	6	3	38	22	42	
Arsenal	23	11	6	6	46	31	39	
Southampton	18	11	5	2	32	14	38	
Portsmouth	23	10	2	11	41	45	32	
Norwich City	18	10	1	7	36	22	31	
Wimbledon	20	8	5	7	33	24	29	
Tottenham Hotspur	18	8	4	6	30	24	28	
Ipswich Town	22	8	3	6	30	27	27	
Swindon Town	17	8	3	6	30	27	27	
LUTON TOWN	19	7	5	7	21	24	26	
Fulham	20	7	3	10	22	27	24	
Oxford United	20	7	2	11	34	49	23	
Charlton Athletic	19	6	3	10	26	36	21	
West Ham United	17	5	5	7	30	29	20	
Watford	16	6	0	10	24	33	18	
Millwall	19	4	6	9	27	41	18	
Brighton & Hove Albion	22	4	3	15	30	49	15	
Reading	19	3	1	15	23	65	10	

RESERVES - APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

Football Combination	Bedfordshire Premier Cup		Football Combination	Bedfordshire Premier Cup		Football Combination	Bedfordshire Premier Cup			
	App	Goals		App	Goals					
Allpress	13	-	1	-	-	Murray	3(4)	-	1	-
Beaumont	2	-	1	-	-	Newman	-	-	1	-
Brittain	1	-	1	-	-	Nogan	11	7	(1)	-
Campbell	17(3)	1	1	1	1	North	1	1	-	-
Dreyer	2	-	-	-	-	Oakes	4	-	-	-
Elliott	(1)	-	2	-	-	Petterson	12	-	2	-
Gillard	8(1)	-	-	-	-	Preece	5	-	1	-
Goodfellow	(1)	-	-	-	-	Rees	18	5	-	-
Gormley	4(6)	1	1	-	-	Rodger	5	-	-	-
Greene	2	-	2	-	-	Rogers	(1)	-	2	-
Farrell	8	4	1	3	-	Salton	16	1	-	-
Glover	1	-	-	-	-	Shanley	9(1)	-	-	-
Harvey	6	-	-	-	-	Skelton	5(2)	1	-	-
Holsgrave	12(1)	1	1	-	-	Smith	1(2)	-	1	-
Holtham	14(1)	-	2	-	-	Sommer	7	-	-	-
Howard	1	-	-	-	-	Stein	3	-	-	-
Hughes	6	-	(1)	-	-	Sutton	(1)	-	1	-
Jackson	2	-	-	-	-	Telfer	4	-	-	-
James	5(1)	-	-	-	-	Thompson	1	-	-	-
Linton	3	-	-	-	-	Tighe	2(3)	2	-	-
McDonough	1	-	-	-	-	Williams	16(2)	2	2	-

Match Digest

Fixture: Luton Town v USA under-20

Venue: Kenilworth Road

Date: 2.1.92

Competition: Friendly

Result: 2-1

Scorer: Oakes (2)

Team: Chamberlain, Linton, Gillard, McDonough, Rodger, Salton, Williams, Campbell, Munton (trialist), Rees, Oakes. Subs: Nogan, Smith.

Coach's comment: A very tight game, playing against a fit and organised sweeper system. Goals proved difficult to come by and we had to be very patient and alert to overcome our hyped-up opponents.

Match Digest

Fixture: Luton Town v Ipswich Town

Venue: Kenilworth Road

Date: 6.1.92

Competition: Neville Ovenden Football Combination

Result: 3-2

Scorers: Rees(2), Nogan

Team: Chamberlain, Linton, Gillard, Salton, McDonough, Rodger, Williams, Rees, Nogan, Campbell, Oakes. Subs: Allpress, Smith.

Coach's comment: We did well to get a result from a fiercely contested game. We conceded two penalties after going 1-0 up and the game looked like it had slipped by. But we fought back to equalise and stuck to the task to earn a penalty and maximum points.

Match Digest

Fixture: Luton Town v Norwich City

Venue: Kenilworth Road

Date: 17.12.91

Competition: F.A. Youth Challenge Cup, third round.

Result: 1-1

Scorer: McDonagh

Team: Hancock, Holtham, Skelton, Rogers, Philp, Greene, Murray, Ryan, McDonagh, Hartson, Elliott, Subs: Newman, Smith.

Coach's comment: We gave a good overall team performance and came from a goal down to just about earn a replay. There was very little between the two teams and we will have to be at our best to progress further in this competition.

Fixture: Luton Town v Maidstone United

Venue: LTFC Training Ground

Date: 4.1.92

Competition: South East Counties League

Result: 2-1

Scorers: Sutton, Greene

Team: Hancock, Sutton, Skelton, Woolgar, Philp, Greene, Gibb, Rogers, Goodfellow, Newman, Smith. Subs: Draper, Campbell.

Coach's comment: How things can turn around! Four months ago we lost 7-0 to Maidstone. This time, with 4 under-16 and 5 first year boys we win 2-1. The team played very well, with the under-16's playing their part. A very pleasing result.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIVISION 2

SEASON 1991-92

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Goals	Pts
Crystal Palace	16	11	2	3	45	14	24	
Wimbledon	15	10	3	2	47	11	23	
Brentford	17	10	3	4	33	19	23	
LUTON TOWN	17	10	2	5	35	24	22	
Aldershot	2-0							
Swindon Town	15	8	5	2	23	15	21	
Brighton & Hove Albion	17	9	2	6	41	20	21	
Reading	15	6	2	7	33	33	14	
Bristol City	14	6	2	6	17	22	14	
Tottenham Hotspur	18	6	1	11	27	46	13	
Swindon Town	18	5	2	11	17	39	12	
Bristol Rovers	17	5	2	10	33	59	12	
Maidstone United	16	5	1	10	24	38	11	
Bournemouth	19	3	3	13	21	36	9	
Aldershot	16	3	1	12	21	56	7	

YOUTH TEAM - APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

	S.E.C.L	S.J.F.C.	S.E.C.LC	F.A. YTH CUP
	App	Gls	App	Gls
Brittain	6	-	-	-
Brookes	-	-	-	-
Campbell	(1)	-	-	-
Draper	2(4)	-	(1)	-
Elliott	13	3	1	3
Gibb	1	-	-	-
Goodfellow	8(1)	2	1	2
Greene	15	2	1	1
Hancock	15	2	1	3
Hartson	6(4)	6	1(1)	1
Holtam	13	3	1	3
McDonagh	7(1)	4	3	2
Murray	12	1	3	3
Newman	10(3)	4	(1)	(1)
Philip	15	-	3	3
Rogers	13(2)	4	3	3
Ryan	13	2	3	3
Simpson	2(1)	-	-	-
Skelton	11(3)	1	3	3
Smith	3(5)	-	-	-
Sutton	8(4)	3	(1)	(1)
Watkins	1	-	1	-
Woolgar	2(1)	-	-	-

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Facts and fixtures



BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

12th January, 1992

Home						Away							
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
25	7	0	21	11	—	1. Leeds United	7	5	1	27	9	+28	52
23	8	3	1	23	7	2. Manchester United	7	3	1	21	11	+26	51
24	8	3	1	20	11	3. Liverpool	2	8	2	9	9	+9	41
25	6	3	3	16	13	4. Manchester City	5	5	3	18	16	+5	41
24	8	3	2	27	17	5. Sheffield Wednesday	3	4	4	11	13	+8	40
24	8	1	3	22	12	6. Aston Villa	3	3	6	12	17	+5	37
23	7	3	2	23	12	7. Arsenal	2	4	5	17	17	+11	34
23	5	3	4	16	18	8. Crystal Palace	4	4	3	19	23	-6	34
25	6	4	2	20	9	9. Everton	3	2	8	15	23	+3	33
23	4	0	6	15	13	10. Tottenham Hotspur	6	3	4	19	18	+3	33
24	6	4	2	24	17	11. Nottingham Forest	3	1	8	14	18	+3	32
25	5	5	3	23	19	12. Chelsea	3	3	6	10	18	-4	32
25	2	6	4	11	15	13. Q.P.R.	5	4	4	16	17	-5	31
24	5	5	3	17	15	14. Norwich City	2	4	5	13	18	-3	30
24	5	5	2	25	22	15. Oldham Athletic	3	1	8	14	21	-4	30
24	5	2	5	16	10	16. Coventry City	3	2	7	11	18	-1	28
24	5	4	3	18	13	17. Wimbledon	1	5	6	10	18	-3	27
24	5	1	5	16	17	18. Notts County	2	4	7	11	16	-6	26
25	4	4	4	14	15	19. Sheffield United	2	2	9	19	29	-11	24
24	5	4	3	13	11	20. LUTON TOWN	0	3	9	5	32	-25	22
24	2	5	5	11	15	21. West Ham United	2	4	6	12	23	-15	21
24	2	4	7	10	24	22. Southampton	2	3	6	13	17	-18	19

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS 1991-92

	League		Rmlbws Cup		ZD Cup		FA Cup	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Tim Allpress	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
David Beaumont	6(3)	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Kingsley Black	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamie Campbell	1(4)	-	-	-	-	(1)	-	(1)
Alec Chamberlain	17	-	2	-	1	-	-	1
John Dreyer	24	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Sean Farrell	3(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lee Glover	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philip Gray	9(2)	3	2	3	-	-	-	-
Mick Harford	15	7	1	-	1	-	-	-
Richard Harvey	15(1)	2	1	-	-	-	-	1
Paul Holsgrove	1(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ceri Hughes	3(2)	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Matthew Jackson	7(2)	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Julian James	10(3)	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Chris Kamara	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Desmond Linton	2(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Darron McDonough	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kurt Nogan	6(8)	1	-	(2)	1	1	-	-
Scott Oakes	6(4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Trevor Peake	20	1	1	-	-	-	-	1
Mark Pembridge	24	1	2	-	1	-	-	1
David Preece	16(4)	-	2	-	-	-	-	1
Jason Rees	1	-	-	-	-	(1)	-	-
Graham Rodger	11(1)	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Darren Salton	-	(2)	-	-	1	-	-	-
Brian Stein	18(3)	-	-	1(1)	-	-	-	1
Steve Sutton	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paul Telfer	15(3)	1	2	-	1	1	1	-
Steve Thompson	5	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Martin Williams	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

Luton Town F-A Att Pos

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Aug	17	West Ham United	0-0	25,079	-
Aug	21	Coventry City	0-5	10,084	-
Aug	24	Liverpool	0-0	11,132	19
Aug	27	Arsenal	0-2	25,898	22
Aug	31	Chelsea	1-4	17,457	22
Sept	4	Southampton	2-1	8,055	19
Sept	7	Wimbledon	0-3	3,231	20
Sept	14	Oldham Athletic	2-1	9,005	17
Sept	17	Queens Park Rangers	0-1	9,085	20
Sept	21	Manchester United	0-5	46,491	21
Sept	25	Birmingham City (RLC2-1)	2-2	6,315	21
Sept	28	Notts County	1-1	7,629	20
Oct	5	Aston Villa	0-4	18,722	21
Oct	8	Birmingham City (RLC2-2)	2-3	13,252	21
Oct	19	Sheffield Wednesday	2-2	9,401	21
Oct	22	Ipswich Town (Z.D.S. Cup)	1-1*	7,750	-
Oct	26	Norwich City	0-1	10,514	21
Nov	2	Everton	0-1	8,022	21
Nov	16	Tottenham Hotspur	1-4	27,543	22
Nov	23	Manchester City	2-2	10,031	22
Nov	30	Sheffield United	1-1	21,804	22
Dec	7	Leeds United	0-2	11,550	22
Dec	20	Coventry City	1-0	7,533	22
Dec	26	Arsenal	1-0	12,665	22
Dec	28	Chelsea	2-0	10,738	20
Jan	1	Nottingham Forest	1-1	23,809	19
Jan	4	Sheffield United (FAC 3)	0-4	12,201	-
Jan	11	Liverpool	1-2*	35,095	20

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Chamberlain	Beaumont	Harvey	McDonough	Rodger	Dreyer	(Farrell)	Preece	Stein	Penbridge	Black	[Gray]	James
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Chamberlain	Beaumont	Harvey	McDonough	Rodger	Dreyer	Gray	Preece	Stein	Penbridge	Black	Jackson	Farrell
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Chamberlain (Jackson)	HARVEY ¹	McDonough	Dreyer	Peake	GRAY ¹	Preece	(Glover)	Penbridge	Stein	[Beaumont]	[Nogan]	
Chamberlain	Jackson	(Harvey)	McDonough	Dreyer	Peake	Gray	Preece	Nogan	Penbridge	(Holsgrove)	[Telfer]	[Rodger]
Chamberlain	Jackson	Dreyer	(McDonough)	Rodger	Peake	Preece	(Stein)	HARFORD ²	Penbridge	Thompson	[Telfer]	[Nogan]
Chamberlain	Jackson	Dreyer	McDonough	Rodger	Peake	Preece	(Stein)	Harford	Penbridge	(Thompson)	[Telfer]	[Nogan]
Chamberlain	Jackson	Dreyer	Telfer	Rodger	Peake	Preece	Stein	Harford	Penbridge	Thompson	Beaumont	Nogan
Chamberlain	Jackson	Dreyer	Telfer	Rodger	Peake	Preece	(Stein)	(GRAY) ¹	Penbridge	Thompson	[Salton]	[NOGAN]
Chamberlain	Jackson	Dreyer	(Telfer)	Rodger	Beaumont	Preece	(Harford)	(Harford)	Penbridge	Nogan	[Hughes]	[Nogan]
Chamberlain	Jackson	Dreyer	Thompson	(Rodger)	Peake	Telfer	Gray	Nogan	Penbridge	(Hughes)	[Stein]	[Beaumont]
Chamberlain	Jackson	Harvey	(Thompson)	Beaumont	Peake	Telfer	(GRAY) ²	(Harford)	Penbridge	Preece	[Nogan]	[Stein]
Chamberlain	James	(Harvey)	NOGAN ¹	Dreyer	Peake	Telfer	Gray	HARFORD ¹	Penbridge	(Preece)	[Hughes]	[Stein]
Chamberlain	TELFER ¹	Allpress	Hughes	Salton	Rodger	(Williams)	James	(Harford)	Nogan	Penbridge	[Rees]	[Campbell]
Chamberlain	Telfer	Dreyer	Hughes	Peake	(Rodger)	(Rees)	James	Nogan	Penbridge	Oakes	[Linton]	[Harvey]
Chamberlain (James)	Pembridge	Kamara	Dreyer	Peake	Telfer	Hughes	Harford	(Gray)	Oakes	[Stein]	[Nogan]	
Chamberlain (Linton)	Harvey	Kamara	Dreyer	Peake	Telfer	Stein	HARFORD ¹	Pembridge	Oakes	[Nogan]	James	
Chamberlain (Linton)	Harvey	Kamara	DREYER ¹	Peake	Telfer	Stein	HARFORD ¹	Pembridge	Oakes	Salton	[Preece]	
Sutton	James	Harvey	Kamara	Dreyer	Peake	TELFER ¹	Stein	(Harford)	Penbridge	Campbell	[Preece]	Salton
Sutton	(James)	Harvey	Kamara	Dreyer	Peake	Telfer	(Stein)	Harford	Penbridge	Oakes	[Campbell]	[Preece]
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THE MAN IN CHARGE

Ray Bigger (Croydon, Surrey)

A sales and marketing director, Ray is married with three children. He commenced refereeing in 1965 and progressed via local leagues and the Isthmian League to the Football League list in 1989. Ray was a linesman at both our Littlewoods Cup Finals and lists his hobbies as reading and most sports.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE LEADING GOALSCORERS:

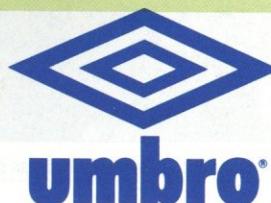
Lineker (Tottenham) 18, Wright (Arsenal) 16, McClair (Manchester United), Hirst (Sheffield Wednesday) 12, Small (West Ham United), David White (Manchester City) 10.

Today's Other Top Action Barclays League Division One

Aston Villa v Sheffield Wednesday
Leeds United v Crystal Palace
Manchester City v Coventry City
Notts County v Manchester United
Oldham Athletic v Liverpool
Queens Park Rangers v Arsenal
Sheffield United v Norwich City
Tottenham Hotspur v Southampton
Wimbledon v Chelsea

Win, lose or draw, we always look good.

This season Luton Town will once again be kitted out by Umbro International.



Business scene

By Wendy Grzybowska and Andy King

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The company's Managing Director, Chris Park, has been a season ticket holder at Luton for 16 years and would welcome enquiries from companies who may require any of the above services. He can be contacted on 0525-840426.

CRYSTAL PALACE v LUTON TOWN

Saturday 25th January 1992

Kick off 3.00pm

Rearranged fixture

- Although this is not an all ticket match, supporters are requested to purchase their tickets before travelling.
- Seats £10.00 (no concessions)
Standing £7.00 (no concessions)
- Tickets are available until 4.00pm on Friday 24th January.
- Supporters travelling without tickets must purchase them from the Away Supporters Ticket Office at the ground on the day.
- Those supporters who hold tickets for the original fixture are advised that they are valid for the rearranged date.

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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Club Office Hours

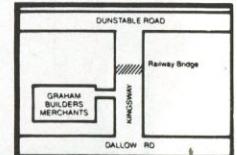
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9 Kenny Brown
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