

# Luton

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**LUTON TOWN V NORWICH CITY**  
**Barclays Football League Division One**  
Saturday, February 8, 1992, kick-off 3.00 pm



# David Pleat



**W**e appreciate your support this afternoon as we embark on a most exciting part of the season. Unfortunately it has been our recent last-minute aberrations that have created the tremendous challenge now facing us. In the last eight league games, our performance has not been short, but results have been elusive. In the seven of the eight games, we were leading. Today, we welcome the supporters, officials and players of Norwich City and hope for the entertainment deserving of 'Premier' Division clubs.

A few thoughts... The Premier talks continue and nothing is settled. Last week, I represented the managers at a twice-yearly Football League liaison meeting with the referees. Several important FIFA proposals to do with the rules of our game were discussed.

Last Sunday, I went to Villa Park to see our old friendly Mr Angry and I felt like Mr Niggly after the nightmare of the last few minutes at Hillsborough... Philip Gray started his comeback in the reserves last Monday with a goal and was due to play another 60 minutes in an arranged game at Arsenal on Wednesday morning... the transfer deadline is the fourth Thursday in March... Danny Baker may become the next manager of Millwall... Joe Worrall failed a fitness test last week.

## A few thoughts and observations, some football news and healthy gossip and a couple of teasing questions....

Our Junior Hatters visited the Junior Owls last weekend and it delights me that, although these meetings are not widely publicised, there is a wonderful camaraderie... It is high time the police presence at football matches was reduced. The costs are crippling the game... It was sad to see Radomir Antic released from the manager's job at Real Madrid. I spoke to him last week and he sends his regards to all his old friends at Luton Town... Michael Small of West Ham United praised Luton for helping his career by releasing him when he was competing for a reserve team place as a youngster (he was never "shown the door")... Danny Wilson was left out last week at Sheffield... Steve Sutton is a brass band enthusiast... 'Headband' Foster headed two important goals last week and Trevor Aylott got onto the scoresheet too... Manchester City won their last two games without Niall Quinn.

Sendings off are marginally up on last season... This coming week we shall be entertaining a Danish Olympic side in a private game... Marvin Johnson is returning to fitness and retains his pace, particularly on motorways!

Our PFA rep is Graham Rodger...

Jurgen Sommer is recovering from his broken arm... Wolves are looking at Matthew Olsen, a 21-year-old goalkeeper from America who has been working out with us during our training sessions... The Tunisian FA has sent us a tape of our game with their national team played last November... Tim Collings, our programme editor, witnessed the African Nations Cup finals.

John Major likes cricket and Chelsea have a fine new press room at Stamford Bridge... Paul Lowe has organised evening coaching sessions at Vauxhall... Lilly Fuccillo is now Chris Turner's assistant at Peterborough United... Ceri Hughes could well return today after a bad time with

injuries. A couple of posers to ponder:

1. Sir John Smith, Sir Arthur South, Irving Scholar, Philip Carter and John Poynton, what is the link?
2. What do Frankie Bunn, Kingsley Black, Ray Daniel, Garry Parker, Tim Breacker, Wayne Turner, Michael Small, Godfrey Ingram, Matthew Jackson, Ricky Hill and Mitchell Thomas have in common?
3. What do Bashley, Stalybridge and Woking have in common?

Answers on a postcard please to Saint and Greaves, at ITV.

Mark Pembroke misses Kurt Nogan's cross at Anfield, but Nick Tanner obliges to score an own-goal.

Gossip is a healthy part of football. I am sure that some of the meanderings are completely innocent. Last Sunday, I read that Mal Donaghy was coming back to Luton Town via the News of the World for £200,000. Mal is 34, or 35, and we do not have £200,000. But it was a good talking point.

Enjoy the game.





# Luton

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# News Update

## Welcome City

□ This afternoon we extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Norwich City. We hope you enjoy the match and have a safe journey back to East Anglia.

## Another American joins the ranks

□ Another goalkeeper from the United States is with the Town for a month, trying to gain experience and a chance to join our other loan keeper, Jurgen Sommer, in the competition for places in the 1994 USA World Cup squad. Matthew Olson is paying his own fare around Europe in a bid to gain experience and become a better goalkeeper.

## On the comeback trail

□ Des Linton, Marvin Johnson, Ceri Hughes and Mick O'Brien were all on the comeback trail in last week's 1-0 reserve win against Queens Park Rangers. Although he did not play, O'Brien was included in the squad for the first time in 27 months since seriously breaking his leg.

## Associated schoolboys join the club

□ We welcomed five new associated schoolboy signings to the club recently. Two signings were made at under-15 level, they were James Garnish, a left-sided midfield player, from Harpenden and Gary Smith, also a midfielder, from Maidenhead. Both boys have been attending our school of excellence for a couple of years and play for the Luton Town under-15 side every Sunday.

The three signings made at under-14 level were Simon Johnson, a central defender from St Neots, Scott Hartwig, a central midfielder from Leighton Buzzard and Gavin Delegate, a left-back from Peterborough.

We wish all boys the best of luck and hope that they go on to have a long and successful career at Kenilworth Road.

## Mrs Sylvia Gibson

□ We were saddened to learn of the death recently of St John Ambulance stalwart Mrs Sylvia Gibson. A popular lady, Sylvia gave 46 years of service to the St John Ambulance and provided first aid cover for almost every Luton Town home match since she was a teenager. She was among a number of first-aiders to receive a special commendation from the St John Ambulance and the police for their actions during the Millwall riot in 1985. We all send our condolences to Mrs Gibson's family.

## Hooligan Hotline

□ Do not hesitate to use the National Football Intelligence Unit Hooligan Hotline on (071) 230 5340 in strictest confidence.

## Bobbers Travel Club

□ The Bobbers Travel Club run coaches to all of Luton's away games throughout the season. Coaches depart from Cranfield and Luton with various pick-up points en route. These are Marton-Moretyene (Beancroft Bus Stop); Stewartby (Outside Post Office); Amphthill (Cottage Bakery); Flitwick (Swan Public House); Westoning (The Bakery); Opposite Luton Crest Hotel (Near Junction 11, M1). For bookings and further information, see page 13 of today's programme.



Chris Kamara heads towards safety at Hillsborough last Saturday.



# Inside view

By Bill Tomlins



## Cameras back again for our Anglia regional derby



Mick Harford (above), our inspirational striker, presents a recent man-of-the-match to young Paul Carter, an avid Luton fan. Jack Pearce and Jack Taylor of Barclays Bank made a double presentation to Mark Pembroke (right) before our recent home match with West Ham. Not only did he receive a regional Young Eagle of the Month award for December, but also an award for the fastest goal of the season so far, at Nottingham Forest on New Year's Day.

Our fixtures against Norwich City usually have a special atmosphere and I am sure that will be the case this afternoon as we welcome our friends from Norfolk to Kenilworth Road. These days we all tend to look upon this match as a regional derby, if not a local one, and that helps to explain why we are also pleased to see Anglia Television here for the second successive Luton Town home match.

Both the Canaries and ourselves were regular attenders at the League's Group Four regional meetings and I am sure the foundations of friendship and friendly rivalry which our close proximity has developed between all the Group Four clubs has been a good thing for all of us and certainly a good thing for football throughout the region.

That is why it is so nice to see the Anglia cameras here again to film the action for their very enjoyable programme Goals Galore which is screened on Sundays. I have become a regular viewer in recent times and I am sure many of our supporters have too.

Commentator Gerry Harrison, that well-known Norwich City supporter (only joking,

Gerry!), is always prepared to speak out and say what he thinks and usually reflects what the fans feel too. Last week, for instance, when he was considering the entertainment provided by some of the recent live televised games, he quite rightly asked when we could expect to see Luton Town or Norwich City scheduled to provide the live action.

It is a good question as I am sure both sets of fans here would like to see a match involving their team on television. The only consolation at the moment is that, with all the goalless draws, we are at least getting an opportunity to have a good satisfying snooze on Sunday afternoons.

On a different note, it is a pleasure to congratulate Mark Pembroke on his recent selection for the Wales 'A' friendly against the Republic of Ireland. This fixture is due to be played at the Royal Dublin Showground on February 19 and gives Mark a chance to confirm his place in the Welsh squad. Kurt Nogan has also been contacted by the Welsh and placed on standby.

Congratulations are also in order for another of our promising youngsters, Paddy



McDonagh, on his selection for the Republic of Ireland's under-16 squad. We wish them all the best of luck.

Many of our supporters, like our manager and the team, were very disappointed last month when our re-arranged fixture at Selhurst Park against Crystal Palace was called off again. This has left us with a problem in trying to find a new date for the game, which was originally scheduled to be played last December 15.

Owing to a series of complications relating to Palace's fixture list and the television schedules, the game will now be played as a midweek fixture later this season. At the time of writing, Palace still have to settle their Rumbelows Cup tie with Nottingham Forest and could then meet Tottenham Hotspur in the semi-finals in what may be televised games.

All this could have an effect on Spurs' schedule too - they also have to fit their European Cup Winners' Cup games - and could result in our scheduled meeting with them on March 11 being under threat. It is difficult to guarantee exactly what the outcome will be until the television decisions are resolved.

On the footballing front, it was a pleasure last Monday when we played Watford to see so many players off the injured list and back in action, especially Mick O'Brien who has been out for 27 months, I think, since breaking his leg in a Friday night Combination fixture at Carrow Road. There was a great sense of pleasure around the club at seeing Mick back in action and we all hope his 60-minutes' return is just the first step in a full recovery of his form and fitness.

Finally, a word about the success and generosity of one of our local fanzines 'Mad as a Hatter', which, contrary to much popular opinion, the club welcome and enjoy. I recently received a call from Mark Irvinson, on behalf of the fanzine, who told me that they had generated a profit of £500 which they wished to donate for the benefit of the players and the club.

As a result, I spoke to our physio Brian Owen and the 'Mad as a Hatter' money will be used to purchase two mountain bikes and a rowing machine which will be of great benefit in helping players recover from injury. And that is an ambition I am sure everyone will applaud.

## Captain's diary

By Trevor Peake



### Another case of so near, yet so far

When will our fortunes change? That is the question I have been asked a lot in recent weeks.

The side can accept being well and truly beaten by a class side, but all the results that have gone against us in the past month have been due to bad luck, or goals which have been conceded in the dying minutes of a game.

Since my last notes, we lost to fellow strugglers West Ham, thanks to a goal from Mike Small which took a wicked deflection and totally deceived Steve Sutton. This goal came after we dominated for long periods of the game without getting any true breaks.

Last weekend was another case of so near, yet so far. Again we conceded all three points to goals scored in the final minutes of a game. We looked comfortable at 2-1 with ten minutes remaining but sloppy defending cost us dear. The appearance of Trevor Francis on the field gave Wednesday and their supporters a lift, but we still should have contained them until the end. What with the results at Liverpool and Nottingham Forest we are tending to worry towards the end of games instead of playing naturally. It is something we must overcome...and fast.

This afternoon's game with Norwich City

will be a difficult fixture for us. They have had some indifferent results of late and will be aiming to build on last week's win against Southampton and aim for a European place - it is vital that we get a result today so that we stay in touch with the club's directly above who, bar Southampton, have started to pull away recently.

The strength we have at Luton is our tremendous team spirit. When the chips are down we have the characters to lift the side. We have every confidence in our own ability and, providing we stop conceding these late goals, are certain that a place in the Premier League will be ours.

Another boost to the squad recently has been the return to action of Ceri Hughes, Marvin Johnson and Darron McDonough. They will give the squad added strength-in-depth which is vital, especially when injuries arise. Marvin and Darron have experienced relegation escapes before and their experiences are sure to be valuable to the side.

It is a vital time for us all. We need to collect as many points as possible from now on. Our fans have been very loud at recent home games. Keep cheering. We are all putting in maximum effort. Things will come right - starting this afternoon we hope.



David Kohler receives a Barclays Performance of the Week award from Jack Pearce for our victories over the Christmas period.





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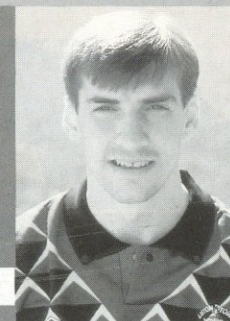
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## Junior Hatters

With Alec Chamberlain.



Today we give Norwich City a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road. We also welcome Rus Watson and the Junior Canaries who are watching today's game at the invitation of our Junior Hatters. Both sets of supporters have been playing football this morning and if you played, I hope you had a good time and scored plenty of goals.

I have had a number of requests recently for pen-pals. There are two from Zimbabwe, Bulgaria, Romania and Poland. If you would like to correspond with some of these boys, call in to the Sports Shop and see Bev.

I have two dates to give you for your diaries. The first is April 22, the second is the summer outing on Sunday, June 20. I will give you all the information in the programme at a later date.

Last year we went to the American Adventure Theme Park for our summer outing and I have had a number of requests to do the

same trip this time. I know a lot of you would also like to go to Alton Towers. This can be organised but let me remind you that you will have to wait a lot longer to go on the rides and there is a height restriction on most rides.

This year I plan to let you organise the summer outing. If you let Bev Tyler know the places you would like to go to, we can go by the majority. Here are a few suggestions: a zoo, a theme park or a trip to the sea. The decision must be made soon, so rack your brains and let us know your choice.

Today's lucky Junior Hatters Membership Number is 0043.....MATTHEW WILDE. Matthew wins two free tickets to one of our home games. To claim your prize, Matthew, please call into the Oak Road Sports Shop and bring your membership card with you.

Have a good day today and I hope to see you all at our next home game when the visitors will be Sheffield United.

### Match Mascot



Today's Junior Hatters match mascot is Sean Jackson. He is six years old and attends Martindale Junior School. He is interested in model trains and football and his favourite player is Mick Harford.

### Match Mascot

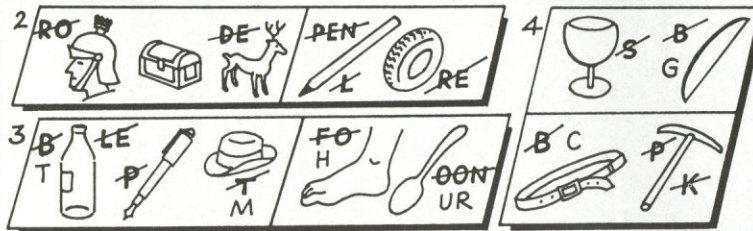


We also have a Norwich Mascot with us today. Her name is Dawn Davie, 10, who attends South Harford Middle School. Her favourite hobbies are swimming and football and her favourite player is Robert Fleck.

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## Fans' view

### Mad as a Hatter...



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1st Luton Town away game: v Watford, 1979, won 1-0.  
Favourite player (past): Lil Fuccillo.  
Favourite player (present): Mick Harford.  
Favourite other team: Glasgow Rangers.  
Best Luton goal last season: Mick Harford o.g. v Derby.  
Best Luton goal ever seen: Raddy Antic at Maine Road, 1983.  
Number of league grounds visited: 48.  
Favourite away ground: Stamford Bridge.  
Worst away ground: Oxford.  
Most memorable Luton Town match: Littlewoods Cup Final 1988 and Shrewsbury (H) in 1982. We won 4-1 and it guaranteed promotion.  
All-time Town team: Dibble, Breacker, Donaghy, Horton, Foster, Elliott, Hill, Walsh, Harford, Fuccillo, Anderson. Subs: Stephens, Stein.

### An absence welcomed!

Dear Sir,  
I was brought up in Luton and have always been a great fan of Luton Town F.C. Recently, however, I have calculated that the team have never won a match whilst I've been in attendance, both this season and last.

Over Christmas I travelled to America and on my return was delighted to hear of our 10 point gain during that period.

It seems I have a negative effect on the team...If my absence on holiday continues to produce points, I will be only too pleased to allow the club to pay for my holiday to extend to the end of the season! This appears to me a positive step to take, ensuring a place in the Premier League next season!

Duncan Gadsby,  
23 Granary Court,  
Great Dunmow,  
Essex CM6 1BN.

### Support a good cause

Dear Sir,  
ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL - KENTISH CUP COMPETITION  
Combined Services v Dutch Armed Forces  
The Military Stadium, Aldershot  
Wednesday, February 12, 1992 - kick-off 7.30 pm  
The Combined Services will entertain the Armed Forces of the Netherlands, in the opening match of this year's Kentish Cup Competition.

The Netherlands still have National Service, the visiting side will, therefore, be all-professional and will almost certainly include a sprinkling of young internationals currently serving their compulsory period of military service.

Admission to this match will be by programme for which there will be a small charge. Profits from the sale of programmes will be donated to Service Charities.

A military band will be in attendance and will play before the start and in the interval break.

As always, we would welcome the support of our friends of the Football Fraternity and other local football enthusiasts on this occasion.

Lt Col G.S. Massey,  
Army Football Association P.R.O.,  
Ministry of Defence,  
Northumberland Avenue,  
London WC2N 5BP.

### 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.

### Luton v Q.P.R. programmes wanted

Dear Sir,  
As Queens Park Rangers fans, my friends and myself attended the Luton v Q.P.R. fixture earlier in the season. Unfortunately we arrived late and could not get a programme. I have tried at programme fairs to obtain a copy but have had no luck. If there is any Luton supporter who is willing to sell me a copy or two, I would be most grateful.

Mark Griffiths,  
1 Anson Close,  
Aylesbury,  
Bucks HP21 8AY.

### A thank-you to Alec

Dear Sir,  
I am writing to thank-you for the hospitality shown to us by Luton Town F.C., particularly Alec Chamberlain who was very helpful and friendly.

"The Citizen" newspaper carried the picture of Alec posting a greetings card to Chen Lantao, a Chinese prisoner of conscience, which generated a lot of interest locally. At our stall in the Armdale Centre at Christmas, 140 people sent similar cards. This far exceeded our expectations.

I would be most grateful if you would pass on our thanks to Alec and also to your secretary who was extremely helpful with organising the event.

Stuart Penny,  
Amnesty International  
23 Grange Avenue,  
Leagrave,  
Luton LU4 9AS.

### Town programme re-united old chums

Dear Sir,  
A year ago when this fixture last took place, the match-day programme included a colour photograph of me taken for the Mail on Sunday's colour magazine article about football club Chaplains. Unbeknown to me, one of the purchasers of that programme was Alan Curnow, a freelance journalist from Norwich who had come to support his team. Alan had been the editor of the College weekly newspaper at Kings College, London, back in the early 1960's when I was vice-president of the Student's Union.  
Writing to me, via the club, after the game, we have arranged to meet for today's match...nearly 26 years after we last met.

The power of the programme!

Mervyn Terret,  
Club Chaplain,  
Leahoe House,  
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Un-reserved seating only available for this match, priced £10 (no concessions). Pay at the turnstiles of the Platt Lane end of ground.  
No tickets are available at Kenilworth Road.

## Barclays League Division One **LUTON TOWN v SHEFFIELD UNITED**

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

Tickets are available as from today. Normal league prices and guesting facilities apply.

## Barclays League Division One **LEEDS UNITED v LUTON TOWN**

Saturday, February 29, 1992, kick-off 3pm.

This is an ALL-TICKET match for ALL supporters.

Terrace tickets only available, priced at £7.00 (no concessions). Tickets are available from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road until 4.00pm on Friday, February 28. No tickets will be available on the day of the match.

## Barclays League Division One **LUTON TOWN v CRYSTAL PALACE**

Saturday, March 7, 1992, kick-off 3pm.

Tickets for this match go on sale on Saturday, February 22 (after the Sheffield United match). Normal league prices and guesting facilities apply.

### Ticket Office Hours

The Ticket Office is open from 10 am to 4 pm on weekdays and from 10 am to 1 am on non-match Saturdays. On match Saturdays, it remains open for the afternoon. For all Ticket Office and Membership inquiries, please call Cherry Newbery, Ticket Office manager, on 0582-411622 or 30748. The Credit Card Hotline is available 72 hours before a match on 0582-30748.

## How to get to...

### MANCHESTER CITY

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

Street parking and Kippax Street car park (400 spaces) is available.

Nearest railway: Manchester Piccadilly (B/R).

### LEEDS UNITED

By road: Take the M1 north then the M621 until the junction with the A643. Leave the motorway and take the A643 at roundabout for Elland Road.

Wesley Street car park, one minute walk from the ground, has spaces for 1,000 cars.

Nearest railway: Leeds (B/R).

## Travel Club

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

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

### Fares

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

Fares for the trip to LEEDS UNITED will be £9.50 adults and £7.50 OAP's/children. Coaches will leave Cranfield at 8.45 am and Luton at 9.45 am, again with the usual pick-up points en route.



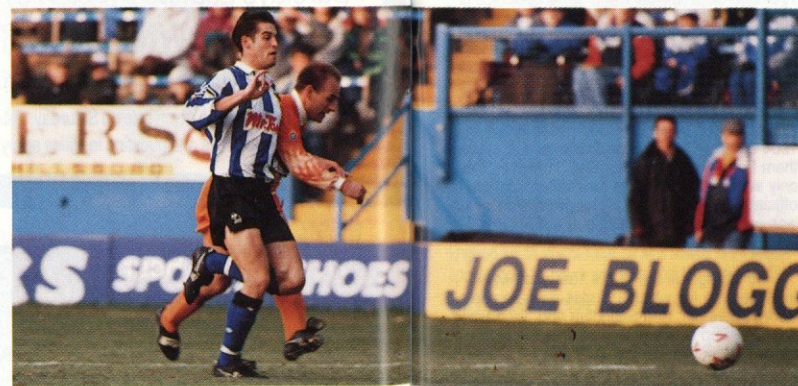
# Action replay

Pictures by Josh Levy

From Hillsborough  
February 1, 1992  
Sheffield Wednesday 3  
Luton Town 2  
Attendance: 22,291  
Referee: P. W. Harrison  
(Oldham)



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Mick Harford, David Preece and Chris Kamara are all pictured in action during our recent 3-2 defeat at Sheffield Wednesday. David scored his first goal of the season at Hillsborough which levelled the score at 1-1.

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# Today's visitors

By Luke Nicoli

## Welcome to Norwich City

NORWICH CITY F.C. 1991/92



Back Row (left to right): Robert Fleck, David Phillips, Daryl Sutch, John Polsten, Dale Gordon (now Glasgow Rangers), Ian Culverhouse, Mark Bowen.  
Middle Row (left to right): Middle Row L-R: Mike Walker (Reserve Team Manager), Chris Sutton, Tim Sheppard, Tim Wooding, Darren Beckford, Colin Woodthorpe, Mark Walton, Tim Sherwood, Bryan Gunn, Rob Newman, Ian Butterworth, Ruel Fox, Keith Webb (Youth Team Manager), Ian Crook, David Williams (Assistant Manager).  
Front Row (left to right): Front Row L-R: Jason Minett, Jeremy Goss, Henrik Mortensen, Lee Power, David Stringer (Manager), Steve Ball, Paul Blades, David Smith, Robert Ullathorne.

The league season so far has not been a particularly vintage one by Norwich's own high standards and, at the time of writing, they are placed mid-table with 33 points from 26 games, eleven points ahead of the Town. Their main problem in recent weeks has been the inability to win away from home, losing each of their five league matches – at Liverpool (1-2), Manchester City (1-2), Tottenham (0-3), and Sheffield United (0-1) in the league and Tottenham (1-2) in the Rumbelows Cup.

Though this season's inconsistency has been a disappointment to Canaries' fans, it is not entirely unexpected after losing another of their prized assets, namely leading goalscorer Dale Gordon to Glasgow Rangers in a £1.5 million deal. Gordon is yet another big name to leave Carrow Road in the last couple of seasons, following in the footsteps of Andy Townsend and Andy Linighan, who both moved in £1 million deals last season to Chelsea and Arsenal respectively.

Manager Mr Stringer has learned to cope with losing such players adequately enough by making some inspired signings of his own, and still sticking

to the principles of playing neat, attractive football. Players such as captain Mark Bowen, David Phillips and Paul Blades have all been signed for relatively small fees, judging by today's inflated prices, and have settled into the side with ease.

Mr Stringer's latest signing, Darren Beckford, will be hoping to fit in as comfortably as the aforementioned players this season. He joined the club for a record fee of £925,000 after five prolific seasons at Second Division Port Vale, and despite taking time to adjust to his new surroundings, looks set for a much improved second-half to the season. Rob Newman is Mr Stringer's other pre-season signing. Signed from Bristol City, Rob is experiencing Division One football for the first time this season after ten full years at Ashton Gate.

With the mix of inspired signings and the emergence of youngsters such as Robert Ullathorne, Chris Sutton and Daryl Sutch, Mr Stringer will be hoping to consolidate in the league this season and again prove their worth in the FA Cup.

With many footballing sides, success tends to come via cup runs rather than winning league titles. This is particularly true of Norwich who have been to two FA Cup semi-finals in recent years and have also won the League (Milk) Cup. This

season the Canaries are still on course for another semi-final appearance with a fourth round tie against Millwall (played earlier this week), the winners facing Blackburn in round five. The Canaries also reached the fifth round of the Rumbelows Cup before going out at Tottenham Hotspur 2-1 after leading 1-0 through a Robert Fleck goal. Fleck is currently enhancing his international credentials with some spectacular goals this season and is currently leading the Norwich scoring lists with 16 goals.

Norwich City were formed in 1902, largely through the initiative of two local schoolmasters who called a meeting at the Criterion Cafe, they were shocked by an FA Commission which in 1904 declared the club professional and ejected them from the FA Amateur Cup. However, this only served to strengthen their determination. New officials were appointed and a professional club was established at a meeting at the Agricultural Hall in March 1905.

Mr Stringer is the club's 13th post-war manager in a list which includes such names as George Swindin, Ron Saunders and John Bond. The Milk Cup success in 1985 was the club's last major honour, having previously won the League Cup in 1962, the Second Division crown in 1972 and 1986 and the Division Three (south) title in 1934.

## Canaries on Parade

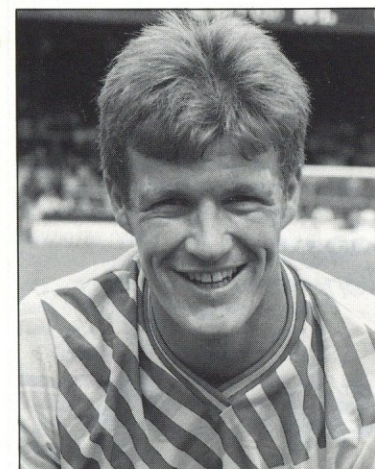
**BRYAN GUNN** (goalkeeper) – Bryan is in his sixth season at Carrow Road. Signed from Aberdeen for £100,000 in 1986, he started his career with Invergoron before the Dons signed him in 1980. He went on to make 13 appearances at Pittodrie but he remained understudy to Jim Leighton, both for club and country.

**DAVID PHILLIPS** (defender) – Wales international David started his league career at Plymouth Argyle, making his debut as a raw 18-year-old in 1981. After two full seasons at Home Park he was signed by Manchester City and, despite scoring 12 goals from midfield in his first season, he was transferred to Coventry a year later. He joined Norwich for £500,000 in 1989 and has now played over 100 league games for the Canaries.

**MARK BOWEN** (defender) – Club captain, Mark joined Norwich from Tottenham for £90,000 in 1987 after failing to gain a regular place at White Hart Lane. He has since gone on to become one of the First Division's most competent right-backs and is now an established member of the Welsh national side.

**PAUL BLADES** (defender) – Signed from Derby County for £500,000 two seasons ago, Paul served his apprenticeship at the Baseball Ground, making his league debut v Leeds United in 1982. He has settled in to the Norwich side well last term and formed a useful partnership with Ian Butterworth earlier in the season.

**IAN BUTTERWORTH** (defender) – Ian started his career with Coventry, making his debut v Swansea in 1982. He made more than 100 league appearances for the Highfield Road club before joining Nottingham Forest in 1985. The move did not work out for Ian and he was transferred to Norwich the following season for £160,000.



Ian Butterworth

**JOHN POLSTEN** (defender) – John started his career at Tottenham, making his debut v Coventry in 1986. A former England Youth international, he was limited to 24 league appearances for Spurs and signed for Norwich in 1989.

**COLIN WOODTHORPE** (defender) – Signed in the summer of 1990 from Chester City, Colin has recently had an extended run in the first team. He made his Football League debut as a 17-year-old v Bury in 1986 and spent four full seasons at Sealand Road.

**JEREMY GOSS** (midfield) – Jeremy joined the club as an amateur before making his league debut in a 2-1 defeat at Coventry in 1984. He had struggled to hold down a regular first team spot, but his perseverance has paid off, and he now finds himself a regular in the Canaries' line-up. Jeremy is a Welsh international.

**TIM SHERWOOD** (midfield) – Tim is a former Watford trainee who was introduced to league football by the Hornets in 1987. A versatile performer, he has also been used as a defender and a forward since his £175,000 transfer to Carrow Road in 1989.

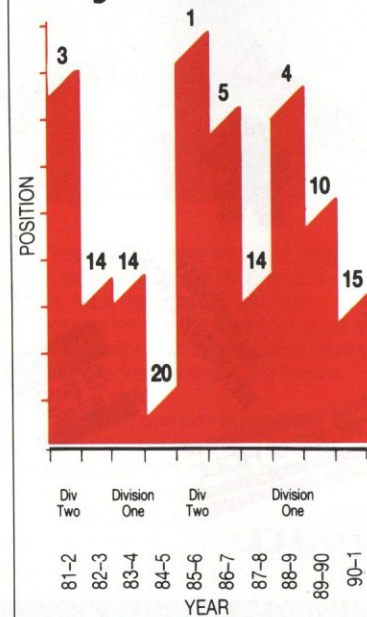
**ROBERT ULLATHORNE** (midfield) – 20-year-old Robert has established himself in the first team this season after signing professional forms with the Canaries in 1990. A former England under-18 international, Robert grabbed his chance earlier in the season when he took the place of the injured David Phillips and has not looked back since.

**IAN CROOK** (midfield) – Ian is another Norwich player who started his career with Tottenham but failed to gain a regular place in the first-team. After making only 20 league appearances in six seasons at White Hart Lane, he signed for Norwich in a £80,000 deal in 1986. Ian is an England B international.

**ROB NEWMAN** (midfield) – A player who is experiencing top-flight football for the first time, Rob joined Norwich from Bristol City during the summer. He started his career at Ashton Gate, making his debut v Fulham in 1982. Rob went on to play ten full seasons for City, making nearly 400 league appearances before his transfer to Carrow Road.

**DARYL SUTCH** (midfield) – After an impressive start to the season in the Canaries' reserve side, 20-year-old Daryl has recently been involved in the first team set-up. A midfielder who likes to get forward and score goals, Daryl had already made four first team appearances up to the end of last season.

## 10 year record

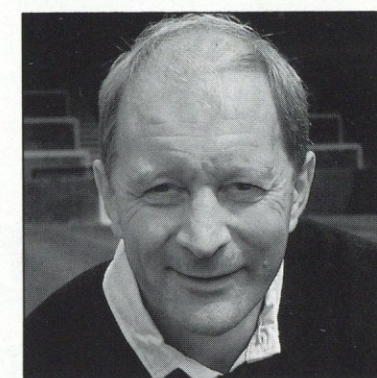


**DARREN BECKFORD** (forward) – Darren, like his brother Jason, started his career with his local club Manchester City. He never really established himself at Maine Road and in 1987 he moved to Port Vale. It was at Vale Park that his goalhunting ability really flourished, scoring nearly 60 league goals in four seasons. Norwich signed Darren for a club record fee of £925,000 and his skills have also been used in defence this season, as emergency goalkeeper!

**ROBERT FLECK** (forward) – Robert has been the Canaries' leading goalscorer for the past three seasons, form which many feel deserves a recall to the Scottish international side. He started his career with Partick Thistle before joining Glasgow giants, Rangers, in 1984. Norwich paid a then club record fee of £580,000 to sign Robert in 1988.

**RUEL FOX** (forward) – A player who is a vital member of the Canaries' squad, Ruel joined Norwich from apprentice and made his debut in 1986. Although he has never really been able to secure a regular first-team place, Ruel has made valuable contributions from the substitutes' bench.

## Meet the Boss



### DAVID STRINGER

Born in Great Yarmouth on October 15, 1944, Mr Stringer's footballing career started off rather disappointingly with unsuccessful trials at Arsenal and Crystal Palace.

An England Youth international, David made the grade with Norwich City, establishing himself as a very competent right-back. He eventually moved into the centre of defence where he formed a formidable partnership with current Norwich Chief Scout, Duncan Forbes. David was a member of two Norwich promotion squads from the Second Division to First, and played in two League Cup Final teams.

After 499 senior appearances for the Canaries he moved on to Cambridge United, where he helped them gain promotion from the Fourth Division to the Second Division.

David's successful association with Norwich City continued when, in 1980, he was appointed Youth team coach, guiding his side to victory in the 1983 F.A. Youth Cup. He then became Reserve team coach before succeeding Ken Brown as Manager in November 1987.

Norwich City have since achieved their highest ever league position, 4th in 1988-89 and an F.A. Cup semi-final in the same season.



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# Player profile

## John Dreyer

A player who has experienced three successful relegation battles with the Town, John Dreyer knows exactly what to expect in the coming months. Now forming a stable partnership with Trevor Peake at centre-back, 'Tumble', as he is known to many fans, has every confidence going into the final third of the season.

"This squad is a lot stronger than Luton sides I've played for in previous seasons. We now have a good blend of experienced professionals and young skilful players who have a big future in the game. Luck has certainly gone against us this season and our lowly position doesn't justify our form of recent weeks."

Reflecting on the team's current position further, John points to the side's frequent inability to hold out for the full 90 minutes of a game.

"It has been very frustrating giving away so many points in the final few minutes of a game. I believe we have thrown away 15 league points this way and should, in effect, be lying about half-way in Division One and pushing for a top ten finish. It has got to the stage where, towards the end of game, we are aware of what has been happening and tend to sit back and defend instead of playing our natural game. The game at Sheffield Wednesday last weekend was a very good example - but it is something we must overcome to reflect our true league position."

Despite the Luton 'goals against' tally being particularly high this season, John has now formed a steady partnership with Trevor Peake, a combination which can only get better with time.

## JOHN DREYER FACT FILE

Born: Alnwick 11.6.63  
Previous clubs: Oxford United, Torquay (loan), Fulham (loan)  
F.L. debut: Torquay v Cambridge 14.12.85  
Joined Luton: 1988  
LTCF league career: 139 apps, 10 goals.



"I can't speak highly enough of Trevor. As an experienced player he gives us all advice, reads the game well and is an influence on the younger players. He is a fine acquisition for the club, likewise, David Pleat's other experienced signings, Chris Kamara and Mick Harford.

"I know my own form is a lot better this season, especially compared to last. I've always said last term was a bit of a 'write-off' as far as my own form was concerned. A stomach injury nagged me throughout, which meant I lost my pace, probably my biggest asset. Now I feel I have re-captured the form of old and feel settled, especially as we now have a settled back four."

As the final run-in starts soon, just how important is it to now start picking up maximum points?

"Starting with today's game with Norwich it is vital. We must pick up points on a much regular basis, particularly at home where the crowd gets behind us. Norwich, like ourselves, prefer to play attractive football with the ball on the deck, so today's clash should be interesting. We have no doubts about pulling clear again this season and three points today could set us up on our route to safety."





Autograph

*John Dreyer*



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## The Africans are on their way

*African football is the rising force in the world game, but is struggling for recognition. Timothy Collings recently spent two weeks in Senegal at the African Nations Cup finals, billed as the continent's top international tournament. The football, however was less entertaining than expected.....*

The dust and sand from the Sahara had stopped blowing, thankfully, as what threatened to become the most boring and interminable cup final of my football-watching experience drew to a close. It was 0-0, in extra time, and yet another simple chance was missed. The penalty, for the spectators at the humid, hot and sultry Stade de l'Amitie in Dakar, was a penalty shootout between Ivory Coast and Ghana to decide the outcome of the African Nations Cup final.

Unbelievably, it went on and on and on.... One player from each side missed during the opening round. Soon it was 6-6, then 8-8 and, in a tournament when few players could hit the target, we faced a scoreline which showed it was 10-10 on penalties after a 0-0 draw following extra time. Even the non-stop drumbeat of the rhythmic Ivorian fans was silenced as, with the score 11-10 in their favour, Ghana captain Anthony Baffoe, an elegant pig-tailed libero who plays in Germany for Fortuna Dusseldorf, stepped up for the 24th spot-kick of what seemed an interminable series.

His shot was low and to the goalkeeper's right and was saved by Alain Gouamene. The 'Elephants' had won their first trophy in their first appearance in the African final and the place exploded with celebrations. In the press box, the long faces were creased with smiles. At least it was over. Even if Ghana, the rightful winners of the tournament, had been beaten in a match which had seen their captain Abedi Pele, the African Footballer of the Year, sitting on the touchlines.

Pele, the Olympique Marseille star who rooms with Chris Waddle, had been cautioned twice during the finals - the first time the African Nations Cup finals had been expanded to include 12 nations - and had been suspended for the big one. This was a tragedy as his skills, his goals and his ability to light up a match had made him the star of the tournament.

His absence, for the Africans, had ultimately devalued the competition. A worldwide television audience had been waiting for spectacular entertainment and confirmation that the African game had reached a new level of achievement in readiness for the qualifying tournament for the 1994 World Cup finals in America, where, for the first time, there will be three African nations taking part.

Unfortunately, the spectacle was not provided even if the level of skill, technique and invention on view was of the highest calibre. The team game, alas, was not on a par with that of the individuals. The coaching was defensive and there were too many low-scoring games filled with dreary football.

For this observer, the lasting memory of Senegal '92 will be of the atmosphere around the teams' hotel - where they all shared lodgings, ate together and played together - was of the 'business' side of the game. There were agents from every country in Europe, bar Britain, and deals done under every palm tree.

The Italians were busy in a big way. Domenico Ricci, who has launched a company specialising in the management and development of African football, talked about Juventus spending millions of dollars in Africa, helping with coaching and management and eventually controlling the game and the transfer market. The French too were there in a big way and so were the Germans, Belgians, Swiss, Spanish and Portuguese.

The best players were the Ghanaians - Pele, Nii Lamptey of Anderlecht and Co - and the Nigerians. They all spoke English too, which made life easier. But it did not explain why there were no British agents, representatives or scouts around to examine the best football talent on offer from the former British colonies.

After all both Ghana and Nigeria are former British colonies and here at Kenilworth Road a former Nigerian striker Emeka Nwajobi is remembered fondly. Strong, skilful and quick, he typified the Nigerian style. It is easy to see many of their current team making the grade in the English game - where the Fashanus, Reuben Agboola and John Chiedozie, as well as Emeka, have shown the way.

The technical and physical side of their game is good enough, in this observer's view, even if the tactics employed result so often in low-scoring games with little real effort put into organised attacking play with width. The talent is there. That is why Ghana and Nigeria had 26 European-based professionals in their squads for the African finals and why Dakar was filled with scouts and reporters from all over Europe. Even if the finals produced disappointing entertainment in the heat, there was no ignoring the fact that the Africans are on the way.

## Africans Nation Cup finals

**Winner:** Ivory Coast

**Runners-up:** Ghana

**Third-place:** Nigeria

**Fourth:** Cameroon

**Semi-finals:**

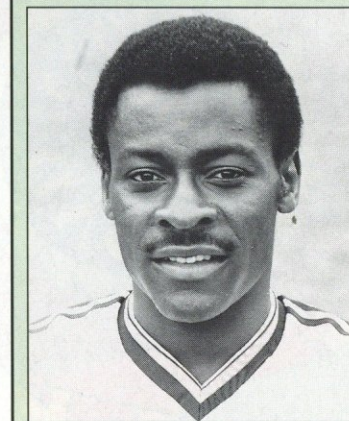
Ghana 2 (Pele, Prince Opoku) Nigeria 1 (Adepoju)

Ivory Coast 0 Cameroon 0  
(Ivory Coast won 3-1 on pens)

**Final:**

Ivory Coast 0 Ghana 0  
(Ivory Coast won 11-10 on pens)

**Leading goalscorer:** Rashid Yekini (Nigeria) 5.



Emeka Nwajobi - Luton and Nigeria



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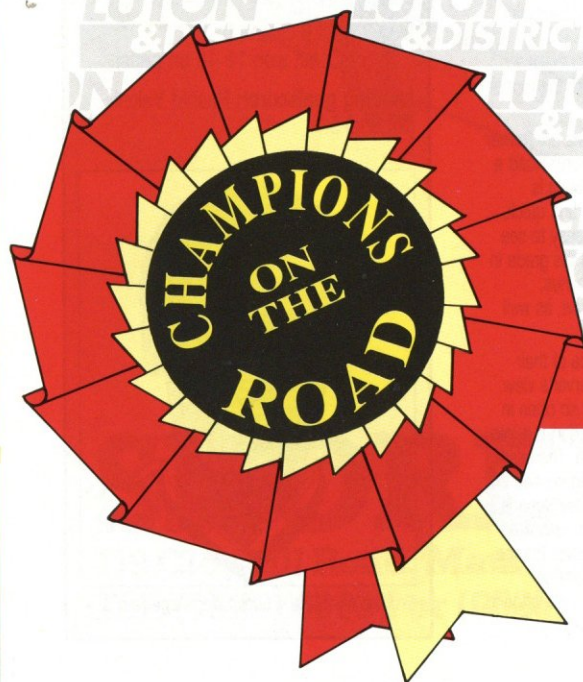
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Mark Pembridge (above) scores the fastest goal of the season so far at Nottingham Forest, while Brian Stein (below) pulls away from Forest's Scott Gemmill.





# Looking back

By Roger Wash

## The Last Time We Met...

October 26, 1991 (Division One)

Norwich City 1 (Rob Newman) Luton Town 0  
Referee: Keith Hackett (Sheffield)

Attendance: 10,514

Luton Town – Chamberlain, Telfer, Peake, Rodger (Linton), Dreyer, Pembroke, Rees (Harvey), James, Hughes, Oakes, Nogan.

Norwich City – Gunn, Phillips, Butterworth, Blades, Bowen, Gordon, Goss, Newman, Ullathorne (Beckford), Fox, Fleck. Sub not used: Polsten.

With Scott Oakes and Des Linton making their debuts after signing for the club from Leicester City, the Town fielded a side which included seven players of 21 or under. Injury to six regular, more experienced players, meant the side struggled, but kept the score down to a 1-0 deficit mainly due to the inspirational form of goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain.



Alec Chamberlain was in outstanding form the last time we met Norwich.

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## 'Punch McEwen' – an extra-ordinary character

I quite frequently receive letters passed on to me by the club requesting historical or statistical information, with many asking for details of long-forgotten players of the past.

One such letter was recently sent by the great-grandson of James "Punch" McEwen and research revealed a fascinating story of a player who turned out for the Town almost a century ago and whose name is also interwoven in the history of today's visitors, Norwich City.

Despite being referred to as a Scot throughout his life, James McEwen was born in Liverpool in 1874 and gained a name for himself as a tenacious full-back for Liverpool South End before joining the Town on June 12, 1894, just at the time the club were about to enter the Southern League as founder members.

Standing only 5 feet 5 inches tall, but weighing 11 stone, McEwen made his Luton debut at left-back in a friendly against Mr H Roston-Bourke's XI on September 1, 1894. He soon established himself in the side as the Town finished runners-up to Millwall in the inaugural season.

After four seasons as a virtual ever-present it came as a great surprise when, after the club had finally joined the Football League, crowd favourite McEwen decided to leave Luton and sign for Glossop who he helped into Division One at the first attempt.

After two years at Glossop he moved further up the ladder when he signed for Bury, then one of the football powers of the land. McEwen was virtually ever-present in a side that finished in the top ten in Division One in his three seasons there, culminating in a 6-0 win over Derby County in the 1903 FA Cup Final.

Whether it was due to a difference of opinion or whether he was regarded as too old it is not recorded, but McEwen left Bury shortly after the FA Cup win and re-joined Luton much to the joy of Luton supporters who had not seen him adequately replaced in his five years away.

Luton Town had two further good years out of McEwen before he left the club for the last time in the summer of 1905 to join Norwich City who had just been elected to the Southern League and had newly-adopted professionalism.

McEwen was immediately made captain and after two years, was appointed to the position of player-manager just as Norwich changed their colours from blue and white to the more familiar yellow and green. An injury during the first home game of 1908/09 (the first Southern League fixture to be played at the Nest) effectively ended McEwen's playing career and with it his managerial position, for shortly afterwards he left Norwich in mysterious circumstances to take up the manager's post at Glossop, one of his former clubs.

His spell at Glossop was not altogether successful and as the club eventually sunk further down successive Division Two league tables towards eventual demise. McEwen resigned and joined the coaching staff at Fulham for a short period before accepting a similar position at Arsenal just before the outbreak of World War One.

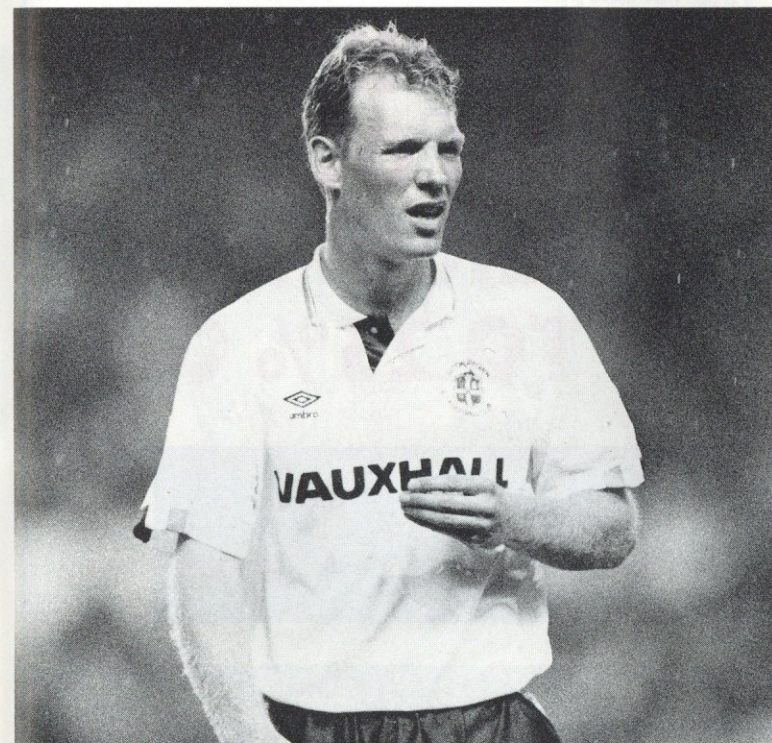
McEwen was appointed acting manager of Arsenal throughout the war before reverting to the role of coach/trainer as soon as hostilities ceased.

He stayed at Arsenal for the remainder of his career and following his death in Barnes on May 28, 1944, Gunners manager George Allison said at his funeral: "He was a brilliant footballer and had extra-ordinary character as a coach. He had a well-developed sense of humour, and even when coaching his team for something as serious as a Cup Final, was still the humourist, bullying and cajoling his team with humour and a never-ending string of funny stories. Although he refused to take anything seriously he was greatly responsible for the successes of the Arsenal team."

Roger Wash is the official Luton Town F.C. statistician. Anyone wishing to contact him can do so by writing care of L.T.F.C. Kenilworth Road Luton Beds.



Ashley Grimes (above) and Tim Breacker (below) both scored their first goals at Newcastle five years ago.



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### Did you know?

Our first league meeting with Norwich took place in 1920/21 in the newly-formed Division Three. During that season the Town won 4-0 at Kenilworth Road but lost 3-0 at the Nest.

### It happened five years ago

7/7/87 – The Town drew 2-2 at Newcastle after being 2-1 down at half-time. The Town scorers were Ashley Grimes and Tim Breacker, both with their first goals for the club.

### It happened ten years ago

6/2/82 – Goals from David Moss, Steve White and Brian Stein complete an amazing 3-3 draw with Sheffield Wednesday. The game at Hillsborough fluctuated all afternoon in front of a crowd of 18,012.

### It happened 15 years ago

5/2/77 – A goal in each half from Paul Price and John Aston secured a comfortable 2-0 home win over Burnley, watched by a crowd of 8,635.

### It happened 20 years ago

5/2/72 – The Town suffered a dismal 2-1 home defeat by 'bogey' side Oxford Utd. Vic Halom scored the Luton consolation.

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### SHEFFIELD UNITED



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Once again it looks as if Sheffield United are producing their New Year 'Houdini' act in a bid to escape from the lower reaches of the First Division and into Premier League safety.

Last season, despite the influential signing of Vinnie Jones from Leeds United for a club record and Brian Marwood from Arsenal, United looked doomed. Bottom of the table with just four points at Christmas and no wins to their name, they looked odds-on relegation favourites. But a 3-2 victory over Nottingham Forest injected new self-belief, and as we all know, things can change very quickly in football.

Backed up by a vociferous and loyal support, particularly away from home, the team amazingly won seven consecutive games in January and February - the best of the season by any club in the First

Division. They secured their top-flight survival with four games of the season remaining and the fans believed a better season was in store come 1991-92...

Despite two encouraging draws at the start of the season against Norwich (2-2) and at home to West Ham United (1-1), the Bramall Lane faithful were again to see their side slip to the bottom of the First Division after losing their next five league matches in succession.

After off-loading striker Tony Agana to Notts County in November, thus easing the club's financial situation and with former Manchester City and Wimbledon centre-back Brian Gayle now settled into the side, the Blades looked a more determined and balanced side come Christmas 1991. Could manager Bassett turn around a dismal start once again? It looked a definite reality.

Wins against rivals Wednesday (2-0), Tottenham Hotspur (1-0), Aston Villa (2-0), and Southampton (3-2) has meant that, at the time of writing, United have moved from bottom of the table in November to the comparative safety of 17th place with 30 points. Their revival was emphasized in some style last weekend with a fine 5-2 win at Nottingham Forest with Lake, Gannon, Bryson, Bradshaw and Deane scoring the goals.

Mr Bassett will be the first to say that the work is not even half done. Results can turn against you just as fast, and it will be the Town aiming to win this game, not only to help our own cause, but to settle scores concerning our two most recent visits to Bramall Lane which ended 1-1 in the league encounter, due to a late United strike, and a 4-0 defeat in the FA Cup, which was more flattering than the scoreline suggested.



Mark Pembridge is pictured in action during our 1-1 draw with Sheffield United last month.



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Brian Stein (above) pulls away from Nick Tanner, while Michael Thomas (below) gets to grips with Mark Pembrige.





# Guest spot

By Luke Nicoli

## Opinion: Should we let the strugglers die?

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**E**arlier this month, Crystal Palace director Simon Hume-Kendall resigned from the First Division club to save Aldershot from almost certain extinction.

The Shots would have gone under in 1990 had it not been for the intervention of a young man who promised so much, but delivered so little.

The question which arises is: should league clubs who experience financial difficulties be bailed out like this? Would it not be better for an ambitious non-league club to take their place?

Traditionalists, believe clubs should be helped over a low period and are quick to point out that the First Division today contains several clubs who would not be around if those who cared so passionately had not fought to save them.

Take Luton Town, for instance. After relegation from the First Division in 1975, the outlook was bleak to say the least. The club would probably have gone out of business had it not been for the

determination of director Denis Mortimer. Mr Mortimer refused to let the club die, and by selling players and re-financing the club, he successfully turned around the situation.

It took time, but in 1982 the club returned to the First Division where they have remained ever since.

Our opponents today, Norwich City, are another club who have been saved from almost certain closure. During the early post-war years, the Canaries were one of the poorest sides in Division Three, both on and off the pitch. When the club were forced to apply for re-election for a third time, many thought they were not worth saving. But a small and loyal band of fans from the Norwich City Supporter's Club refused to concede defeat. They rallied round and collected thousands of pounds to keep the club that they cared about alive.

The other side to the argument is should struggling league clubs be kept afloat when there

are many ambitious non-league clubs waiting anxiously to take their place?

Wimbledon, Cambridge United, Wigan, and more recently Scarborough and Barnet have all proved that such clubs can succeed in the 'big time' and, more importantly, be successful as well.

There are many clubs in the Vauxhall Conference whose grounds and, more often than not, crowds, are superior to those in the Fourth Division. Wycombe Wanderers, Colchester United, Telford, Yeovil and Kettering are all clubs which fall into this category.

Over the past 70 years we have seen only two clubs - Wigan Borough and Accrington Stanley - lose their league status through financial difficulties.

In the current economic climate are things about to change?

*Views expressed are those of the writer, and do not necessarily represent the views of Luton Town F.C.*

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

**Jan 25** - Many F.A. Cup fourth round fixtures are victims of bad weather. Of the games that are played, Wrexham again upset the odds by drawing 2-2 with West Ham at Upton Park, Bolton beat Brighton 2-1, Swindon are emphatic winners at Cambridge 3-0, Bristol City win at Leicester 2-1 and Portsmouth beat Leyton Orient 2-0. The Town's re-arranged game with Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park is postponed... Brentford striker Gary Blissett is cleared by the F.A. after an incident with Torquay's John Uzzell, which lead to the breaking of Uzzell's cheekbone.

**Jan 26** - Chelsea progress through to the fifth round of the Cup for the first time in ten years following a 1-0 victory over Everton at Stamford Bridge... In Italy AC Milan stretch their lead at the top of Serie A to five points following a 4-1 win against struggling Ascoli. Their nearest rivals, Juventus, lose 2-0 at Fiorentina... Barcelona move ominously into second place in Spain following a 4-3 victory at home to Espanol. Real Madrid's lead at the top is cut to three points as they go down 2-1 at Valencia... In Holland, PSV announce that manager Bobby Robson's contract will not be renewed at the end of

the season despite the former England boss leading them to the title last season. They remain top this term following a 2-0 win at Den Haag... Ivory Coast win the African Nations Cup after defeating Ghana 11-10 on penalties after a final score of 0-0.

**Jan 27** - Les Sealey is charged with bringing the game into disrepute following a 'flare up' with referee George Courtney at the end of Aston Villa's game with Sheffield Wednesday... England midfielder Andy Gray is transfer listed by Crystal Palace... Southampton and Manchester United draw their FA Cup fourth round tie 0-0 at The Dell... French international 'bad boy' Eric Cantona joins Sheffield Wednesday on loan until the end of the season with a view to a full contract.

**Jan 28** - Paul Rogers joins Sheffield United from non-league Sutton for £50,000... Wednesday's Nigel Jemson is released from hospital following a car crash which left him with damaged ankle ligaments and facial wounds... Manchester United reluctantly agree to place striker Mark Robins on the transfer list after starting only three games this season... Ronnie Whelan's career is placed in further doubt

after he needed another cartilage operation... Newspaper reports both in Britain and Spain claim that Barcelona are interested in Manchester United boss Alex Ferguson for next season.

**Jan 29** - Former Town favourite Raddy Antic is sacked as head coach of Spanish giants Real Madrid despite the club leading the First Division table at the moment... Liverpool maintain the pressure on Leeds and Manchester United in the race for the title as they beat Arsenal at Anfield thanks to goals from Jan Molby (pen) and Ray Houghton.

**Jan 30** - Crystal Palace sell Marco Gabbiadini to Derby County in a £1.2 million deal just four months after joining the south London club for £1.8 million... Bristol City's Bob Taylor joins Third Division West Bromwich Albion for £300,000.

**Feb 1** - The Town lose 3-2 at Sheffield Wednesday despite leading 2-1 with only ten minutes left... Leeds United return to the top of the First Division after beating Notts County 3-0, Manchester United can only draw 1-1 at Arsenal... Eric Cantona, who walked out on his loan deal at Sheffield United joins Leeds United on loan.

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# 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 (Beds Prem Floodlight Cup)	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	0-2
Mon 6 Jan	Ipswich Town	3-2
Wed 15 Jan	Wimbledon	3-0
Mon 20 Jan	Crystal Palace	2-4
Mon 27 Jan	Queens Park Rangers	1-0
Mon 3 Feb	Watford	2-1
Mon 10 Feb	Reading	
Wed 12 Feb	Oxford United	
Wed 19 Feb	Swindon Town	
Tues 25 Feb	Queens Park Rangers	
Mon 2 Mar	Crystal Palace	
Tue 10 Mar	Watford	
Mon 16 Mar	Southampton	
Mon 23 Mar	Reading	
Tues 31 Mar	Chelsea	
Mon 6 Apr	Swindon Town	
Sat 11 Apr	Southampton	
Mon 13 Apr	Portsmouth	
Wed 15 Apr	Fulham	
Wed 22 Apr	Brighton & Hove Albion	

Please note all home fixtures up to and including January 1992 will be played at Dunstable Football Club, Creasey Park Ground, Brewers Hill Road, Dunstable. After this, they will be played here at Kenilworth Road.

## NEVILLE OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1991-92

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	23	15	4	4	54	24	49
Arsenal	26	14	6	6	55	34	48
Southampton	21	14	5	2	37	15	47
Q.P.R.	22	15	1	6	47	25	46
Crystal Palace	24	13	6	5	46	30	45
Portsmouth	26	12	2	12	49	52	38
Norwich City	20	11	1	8	40	25	34
Wimbledon	23	9	5	9	35	28	32
LUTON TOWN	22	9	5	8	28	30	32
Tottenham Hotspur	20	9	4	7	34	25	31
Swindon Town	20	9	3	8	32	33	30
Ipswich Town	24	8	5	11	41	48	29
Fulham	23	8	3	12	26	35	27
Oxford United	23	8	2	13	39	55	26
Millwall	22	6	6	10	33	44	24
Charlton Athletic	22	6	5	11	29	40	23
Watford	19	7	1	11	28	37	22
West Ham United	21	5	6	10	34	39	21
Brighton & Hove Albion	25	5	3	17	33	56	18
Reading	20	3	1	16	23	68	10

## RESERVES - APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

	Football Combination	Bedfordshire Premier Cup	Football Combination	Bedfordshire Premier Cup
	App	Goals	App	Goals
Allpress	17(1)	1	McDonough	6
Beaumont	2	1	Murray	5(4)
Brittain	1	1	Newman	1
Campbell	20(3)	1	Nogan	12
Chamberlain	3	1	North	1
Dreyer	2	1	Oakes	7(1)
Elliott	1	2	Petterson	14
Farrell	8(4)	4	Preece	5
Gillard	8(1)	2	Rees	22
Goodfellow	1	1	Rodger	5
Gormley	4(6)	1	Rogers	1
Gray	1	1	Salton	19
Greene	3(1)	2	Shanley	9(1)
Glover	1	1	Skelton	5(3)
Harvey	6	1	Smith	1(2)
Holsgrove	12(1)	1	Sommer	7
Holtam	3(5)	2	Stein	3
Howard	1	1	Sutton	1
Hughes	10	2	Telfer	4
Jackson	2	1	Thompson	1
James	5(1)	1	Tighe	2(3)
Johnson	2	1	Williams	20(2)
Linton	5	1		4

## Match Digest

Fixture: Crystal Palace v Luton Town

Venue: Crystal Palace

Date: 20.01.92

Competition: Neville Ovenden Football Combination

Result: 2-4

Scorer: Oakes (2)

Team: Petterson, Holtam, Allpress, Rees, Greene, McDonough, Murray, Williams, Campbell, Hughes, Oakes. Subs: Newman, Skelton.

Coach's comment: It was very disappointing that one team change from the week before left us defensively inadequate. We did not make the best of our chances and got punished at the back - in the end we got what we deserved for a sloppy performance.

## Match Digest

Fixture: Luton Town v Queens Park Rangers

Venue: Kenilworth Road

Date: 27.1.92

Competition: Neville Ovenden Football Combination

Result: 1-0

Scorer: Hughes

Team: Chamberlain, Linton, Johnson, Salton, Allpress, McDonough, Murray, Williams, Campbell, Hughes, Oakes. Subs: Williams, O'Brien.

Coach's comment: This game was a hard-fought contest throughout with only the one goal separating the teams. On paper we fielded a strong team with a few 1st teamers returning from injury. Overall, a good win against a team near the top of the table.

## Match Digest

Fixture: Luton Town v Swindon Town

Venue: LTFC Training Ground

Date: 11.1.92

Competition: South East Counties League

Result: 3-0

Scorers: Woolgar (2), Hartson

Team: Hancock, Fleet, Skelton, Woolgar, Philp, Greene, Murray, Holtam, Campbell, Hartson, Smith. Subs: Draper, Gibb.

Coach's comment: A very good team display with three under-16's in the starting line-up. We missed chances to lead at half-time, but kept going in the second period and turned good play into goals. All the lads came through the game with credit. Well done lads.

Fixture: Bournemouth v Luton Town

Venue: Bournemouth

Date: 18.1.92

Competition: South East Counties League

Result: 2-1

Scorers: Ryan, Greene

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

Coach's comment: A very disappointing display with only Hancock, the goalkeeper, coming away from the game with any credit. Our team pattern and the technical side of our play was the worst I have seen for some weeks. I would swap the two points gained for a performance in which our passing game and general play would be of a higher standard.

## South East Counties League 1991-92

Sat 17 Aug	Bristol City	3-0
Sat 24 Aug	Maidstone United	0-7
Sat 31 Aug	Swindon Town	1-2
Sat 7 Sept	Bournemouth	3-1
Tues 10 Sept	Norwich City (SJFC)	3-3
Sat 14 Sept	Aldershot	2-0
Mon 16 Sept	Norwich City (SJFC R)	1-0
Sat 21 Sept	Brighton	4-2
Sat 28 Sept	Oxford United	1-3
Tues 1 Oct	Birmingham City (SJFC)	3-2
Sat 5 Oct	Brentford	1-0
Sat 12 Oct	Crystal Palace	0-1
Sat 19 Oct	Tottenham Hotspur	4-0
Wed 23 Oct	East Thurrock Town (FAYC 1)	5-0
Sat 26 Oct	Bristol City (SECLC 2)	1-2
Sat 9 Nov	Southampton	1-1
Sat 16 Nov	Bristol Rovers	5-1
Sat 23 Nov	Southampton	1-1
Tues 26 Nov	Aston Villa (FAYC 2)	1-0
Sat 30 Nov	Tottenham Hotspur	4-1
Sat 7 Dec	Wimbledon	0-2
Tues 17 Dec	Norwich (FAYC 3)	1-1
Sat 4 Jan	Maidstone United	2-1
Wed 8 Jan	Norwich (FAYC 3R)	1-4
Sat 11 Jan	Swindon Town	3-0
Sat 18 Jan	Bournemouth	2-1
Sat 1 Feb	Oxford United	1-1
Sat 8 Feb	Brentford	
Sat 15 Feb	Crystal Palace	
Sat 22 Feb	Tottenham Hotspur	
Sat 29 Feb	Reading	
Sat 14 Mar	Bristol Rovers	
Sat 21 Mar	Aldershot	
Sat 28 Mar	Wimbledon	
Sat 4 Apr	Brighton	
Sat 11 Apr	Reading	
Sat 25 Apr	Bristol City	

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIVISION 2 SEASON 1991-92

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	18	13	2	3	53	16	28
Brentford	19	12	3	4	37	21	27
Wimbledon	17	11	3	3	55	13	25
LUTON TOWN	19	11	3	5	38	26	25
Aldershot	17	9	6	2	26	17	24
Brighton & Hove Albion	19	10	3	6	44	28	23
Oxford United	17	10	2	5	42	21	22
Bristol City	16	7	2	7	21	24	16
Reading	17	6	2	9	35	43	14
Tottenham Hotspur	20	6	2	12	31	53	14
Bristol Rovers	19	6	2	11	38	66	14
Swindon Town	19	5	3	11	17	39	13
Maidstone United	18	5	1	12	26	44	11
Bournemouth	21	3	3	15	24	41	9
Aldershot	18	3	3	12	25	60	9

## YOUTH TEAM - APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

	S.E.C.L	S.J.F.C.	S.E.C.L.C	F.A. YTH CUP
	App	Gls	App	Gls
Brittain	7	1	1	1
Brookes	1	1	1	1
Campbell	1	1	1	1
Draper	2(5)	1	1	1
Elliott	15	3	1	4
Fleet	1	1	1	1
Gibb	1(1)	1	1	1
Goodfellow	8(1)	2	1	2
Greene	18	3	1	4
Hancock	18	2	1	4
Hartson	9(4)	7	1(1)	1(2)
Holtam	15	3	3	4
McDonagh	7(2)	4	3	1(1)
Murray	14	1	3	1
Newman	12(3)	4	1	3(1)
Philp	18	3	1	4
Rogers	15(2)	4	3	4
Ryan	15	3	3	3(1)
Simpson	2(1)	1	1	1
Skelton	14(3)	1	3	4
Smith	4(6)	1	1	1
Sutton	9(5)	3	1	1(2)
Watkins	1	1	1	1
Woolgar	3(1)	2	1	1

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# Facts and fixtures



## BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

4th February, 1992

Home													Away												
P	W	D	L	F	A								W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts						
27	8	6	0	25	12	—	1.	Leeds United	7	5	1	27	9	31	56										
26	9	3	1	24	7	—	2.	Manchester United	7	5	1	23	13	47											
27	9	3	2	23	13	—	3.	Liverpool	3	8	2	12	11	47											
27	8	3	3	18	13	—	4.	Manchester City	5	5	3	18	16	47											
26	9	3	2	30	19	—	5.	Sheffield Wednesday	4	4	4	12	13	46											
27	8	2	4	22	13	—	6.	Aston Villa	3	3	7	12	18	38											
27	5	5	3	23	19	—	7.	Chelsea	5	3	6	14	20	38											
26	7	4	2	24	13	—	8.	Arsenal	2	5	6	17	19	36											
27	6	5	2	21	10	—	9.	Everton	3	3	8	15	23	35											
25	5	3	5	16	19	—	10.	Crystal Palace	4	5	3	20	24	35											
26	4	1	7	16	15	—	11.	Tottenham Hotspur	6	3	5	19	19	34											
26	6	4	3	26	22	—	12.	Nottingham Forest	3	2	8	15	19	33											
26	6	5	3	19	16	—	13.	Norwich City	2	4	6	13	19	33											
27	2	8	4	12	16	—	14.	Q.P.R.	5	4	4	16	17	33											
26	5	2	5	16	10	—	15.	Coventry City	4	2	8	12	19	31											
27	5	5	3	27	25	—	16.	Oldham Athletic	3	2	9	14	22	31											
27	5	4	4	15	15	—	17.	Sheffield United	3	2	9	24	31	30											
26	5	4	4	19	15	—	18.	Wimbledon	1	6	6	11	19	28											
26	5	2	5	17	18	—	19.	Notts County	2	4	8	11	18	27											
26	3	5	5	12	15	—	20.	West Ham United	3	4	6	13	23	27											
26	2	4	7	10	24	—	21.	Southampton	3	3	7	16	20	22											
26	5	4	4	13	12	—	22.	LUTON TOWN	0	3	10	7	35	27											

## APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS 1991-92

	League		Rmblws 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)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Alec Chamberlain	17	—	2	—	1	—	1	—
John Dreyer	26	2	2	—	—	—	—	—
Sean Farrell	3(1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lee Glover	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Philip Gray	9(2)	3	2	3	—	—	—	—
Mick Harford	15	7	1	—	1	—	—	—
Richard Harvey	17(1)	2	1	—	—	—	1	—
Paul Holsgrove	1(1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ceri Hughes	3(3)	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Matthew Jackson	7(2)	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Julian James	12(3)	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Chris Kamara	12	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Desmond Linton	2(1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Darron McDonough	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kurt Nogan	6(8)	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Scott Oakes	7(5)	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Trevor Peake	22	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Mark Pembroke	26	1	2	—	1	—	1	—
David Preece	18(4)	1	2	—	—	—	1	—
Jason Rees	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Graham Rodger	11(1)	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
Darren Salton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brian Stein	20(3)	—	1(1)	—	—	—	1	—
Steve Sutton	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paul Telfer	16(3)	1	2	—	1	1	1	—
Steve Thompson	5	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Martin Williams	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—

## Luton Town F-A Att Pos

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
Jan 18	West Ham United	0-1	11,088	22
Feb 1	Sheffield Wednesday	2-3	22,291	22
Feb 8	Norwich City	—	—	—
Feb 15	Manchester City	—	—	—
Feb 22	Sheffield United	—	—	—
Feb 29	Leeds United	—	—	—
Mar 7	Crystal Palace	—	—	—
Mar 11	Tottenham Hotspur	—	—	—
Mar 14	Everton	—	—	—
Mar 21	Southampton	—	—	—
Mar 28	Nottingham Forest	—	—	—
Apr 4	Wimbledon	—	—	—
Apr 11	Oldham Athletic	—	—	—
Apr 12	RLC FINAL	—	—	—
Apr 18	Manchester United	—	—	—
Apr 20	Queens Park Rangers	—	—	—
Apr 25	Aston Villa	—	—	—
May 2	Notts County	—	—	—
May 9	FA CUP FINAL	—	—	—
TBA	Crystal Palace (a)	—	—	—

Chamberlain	Beaumont	Harvey	McDonough	Rodger	Dreyer	(Farrell)	Preece	Stein	Pembroke	Black	[Gray]	James
Chamberlain	Beaumont	Harvey	McDonough	Rodger	Dreyer	Farrell	Preece	Stein	Pembroke	Black	[Gray]	James
Chamberlain	(Beaumont)	Dreyer	(McDonough)	Rodger	Peake	Gray	Preece	Stein	Pembroke	Black	[Jackson]	[Farrell]
Chamberlain	(Beaumont)	Dreyer	McDonough	Rodger	Peake	GRAY*	Preece	Stein	Pembroke	(Farrell)	[Jackson]	[Nogan]
Chamberlain	(Jackson)	HARVEY*	McDonough	Dreyer	Peake	GRAY*	Preece	(Glover)	Pembroke	Stein	[Beaumont]	[Nogan]
Chamberlain	Jackson	(Harvey)	McDonough	Dreyer	Peake	Gray	Preece	Nogan	Pembroke	(Holsgrove)	[Telfer]	[Rodger]
Chamberlain	Jackson	Dreyer	(McDonough)	Rodger	Peake	Preece	(Stein)	HARFORD*	Pembroke	Thompson	[Telfer]	[Nogan]
Chamberlain	Jackson	Dreyer	McDonough	Rodger	Peake	Preece	(Stein)	Harford	Pembroke	(Thompson)	[Telfer]	[Nogan]
Chamberlain	Jackson	Dreyer	Telfer	Rodger	Peake	Preece	Stein	Harford	Pembroke	Thompson	Beaumont	Nogan
Chamberlain	Jackson	Dreyer	Telfer	Rodger	Beaumont	Preece	(Stein)	(GRAY)*	Pembroke	Thompson	[Salton]	[NOGAN]*
Chamberlain	Jackson	Dreyer	(Telfer)	Rodger	Beaumont	Preece	(GRAY)*	(Harford)	Pembroke	Nogan	[Hughes]	[Nogan]
Chamberlain	Jackson	Dreyer	Thompson	(Rodger)	Peake	Telfer	Gray	Nogan	Pembroke	(Hughes)	[Stein]	[Beaumont]
Chamberlain	Jackson	Harvey	(Thompson)	Beaumont	Peake	Telfer	(GRAY)*	(Harford)	Pembroke	Preece	[Nogan]	[Stein]
Chamberlain	James	(Harvey)	NOGAN*	Dreyer	Peake	Telfer	Gray	HARFORD*	Pembroke	(Preece)	[Hughes]	[Stein]
Chamberlain	TELFER*	Allpress	Hughes	Salton	Rodger	(Williams)	James	(Harford)	Nogan	Pembroke	[Rees]	[Campbell]
Chamberlain	Telfer	Dreyer	Hughes	Peake	(Rodger)	(Rees)	James	Nogan	Pembroke	Oakes	[Linton]	[Harvey]
Chamberlain	(James)	Pembroke	Kamara	Dreyer	Peake	Telfer	Hughes	Harford	Pembroke	Oakes	[Stein]	[Nogan]
Chamberlain	(Linton)	Harvey	Kamara	Dreyer	Peake	Telfer	Stein	HARFORD*	Pembroke	Oakes	[Nogan]	James
Chamberlain	(Linton)	Harvey	Kamara	DREYER*	Peake	Telfer	Stein	HARFORD*	Pembroke	Oakes	Salton	[Preece]
Sutton	James	Harvey	Kamara	Dreyer	Peake	TELFER*	Stein	Harford	Pembroke	Campbell	[Preece]	Salton
Sutton	(James)	Harvey	Kamara	Dreyer	Peake	Telfer	(Stein)	Harford	Pembroke	Oakes	[Campbell]	[Preece]
Sutton	James	Harvey	Kamara	Dreyer	Peake	Telfer	Stein	HARFORD*	Pembroke	(Oakes)	[Preece]	Nogan
Sutton	James	Harvey	Kamara	Dreyer	Peake	Telfer	(Stein)	HARFORD*	Pembroke	Preece	[Oakes]	Campbell
Sutton	James	HARVEY*	Kamara	DREYER*	Peake	Telfer	(Stein)	Harford	Pembroke	(Preece)	[Oakes]	[Campbell]
Sutton	James	Harvey	Kamara	Dreyer	Peake	Telfer	(Stein)	Harford	PEMBROIDGE*	(Preece)	[Oakes]	[Campbell]
Chamberlain	(James)	Harvey	Kamara	Dreyer	Peake	Telfer	Stein	Oakes	Pembroke	Preece	[Campbell]	Salton
Sutton	James	Harvey	Kamara	Dreyer	Peake	Telfer	Stein	Nogan	Pembroke	(Preece)	[Oakes]	Campbell
Sutton	James	Harvey	Kamara	Dreyer	Peake	(Telfer)	Stein	(Nogan)	Pembroke	Preece	[Oakes]	Campbell
Sutton	James	Harvey	Kamara	Dreyer	Peake	OAKES*	(Stein)	Harford	Pembroke	PREECE*	[Hughes]	Salton

## THE MAN IN CHARGE

Peter Jones (Loughborough)

An Accounts Executive, Peter is married with one daughter. He commenced refereeing in 1975 and progressed via the Southern League and Panel Leagues to the full League list in 1988. He lists his hobbies as all sports, particularly golf and horse racing.

## BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE LEADING GOALSCORERS:

Lineker (Tottenham) 18, Wright (Arsenal) 16, McClair (Manchester United) 13, White (Manchester City) 12, Hirst (Sheffield Wednesday), Small (West Ham United) 11.

## Today's Other Top Action

### Barclays League Division One

Chelsea v Crystal Palace  
Coventry City v Liverpool  
Everton v Queens Park Rangers  
Manchester United v Sheffield Wed  
Notts County v Arsenal  
Oldham Athletic v Leeds United  
Sheffield United v Manchester City  
Southampton v Nottingham Forest  
Tottenham Hotspur v West Ham United  
Wimbledon v Aston Villa

Win, lose or draw, we always look good.  
This season Luton Town will once again be ki

tted out by Umbro International.





# Business scene

By Wendy Grzybowska and Andy King



## KIT SPONSORSHIP

The opportunity has arisen for 24 individual kit sponsorships of our 1991/92 season first-team squad. The scheme has the advantage of being both attractive to companies wanting to gain publicity or for the staunch fan wishing to support his or her favourite player.

Included in this package is the chance to meet the full squad at a special presentation dinner at the end of the season where YOU will receive your player's match shirt. In addition, each match programme will contain a full colour page advert of kit sponsors alongside their named player.

Interested please contact the LTFC commercial department on (0582) 411622.



West Ham striker Frank MacAvennie is pictured with Richard Harvey, our matchball sponsor for the game with West Ham on January 18.

## Welcome to our joint match sponsors

We are pleased to welcome as today's joint match sponsors, Connolly Homes P.L.C., Sports (Bookmakers) Ltd and Dawson Group P.L.C.

The Connolly Group which was formed over 25 years ago is actively involved in various developments from starter homes to exclusive detached homes in the region, all of which are carefully and efficiently controlled from their Luton headquarters.

Sports (Bookmakers) Ltd is owned by Barry Fulton, a former director of the locally based "Worldsport" group known to LTFC, before selling his company in 1988.

His new bookmaking business, Sports, has shops in Hitchin, Hoddesdon, Garston and Watford, operating a first-class credit betting service for its clientele, regarding horses, dogs and football (facilities subject to status).

Open every morning from 9.30am for our 'early bird' prices on almost every race, shops are also open on Sundays for bets on the 'big matches' live on television. Live race commentaries can be heard at normal telephone rates and in the summer, the shop remains open for all the evening meetings.

For further information, telephone 0923-894000.

Dawson Group P.L.C. have been dedicated servers of the transport industry for nearly 60 years. Operating from their head office in Milton Keynes, Dawson Group is involved in rental, contract hire and the sale of commercial vehicles and trailers. These activities, related services and products are provided through the subsidiary divisions of Dawson Rentals, Dawson Freight Commercials (one of the largest Volvo truck distributors), D.G. Finance and National Driveline.

We also offer a warm welcome to our matchball sponsors, Mr Gary Oliver of WS Tyremasters a major tyre distribution company. In 1991 they were appointed main agents for the French manufacturers "Kleber". Today, Gary welcomes his two major Norfolk-based clients and hopes that they have an excellent day.

In our matchday executive boxes we are pleased to welcome A&D Darlows and 3M (UK) P.L.C.

Darlows was formed in June 1961 by Mr Anthony Harry and Mrs Deanna Valerie Darlow.

Suppliers of fresh food produce, they are based at Peterborough where the company is thriving. Their connection with Luton Town is through their eldest son, Alan, who has been a supporter since the age of five.

3M (UK) P.L.C. is one of the world's most innovative companies, supplying over 60,000 products to global markets. It is a publicly-owned, internationally-quoted company which has consistently rated among the world's most admired corporations.

Today they are entertaining one of their major customers from the Norwich area - the APEC Paint and Equipment Co Ltd.

## THE COM'PLEAT PACKAGE

This new and exciting package is being offered on a trial basis for the remainder of the season at a special discounted rate.

We feel that the package encompasses the requirements of both the business and family man.

**1. VIP Day** - Inviting four people to enjoy the match facilities at Luton town Football Club. Incorporating catering, drinks, competitions, a tour of the ground taking in the pitch, dressing room, medical and boot room, and involving player participation.

**2. VIP AWAY DAY** - Four people joining Luton Town Football Club at Goodison Park, home of Everton Football Club on March 14th for lunch, drinks, matchday tickets, a tour and also a souvenir signed football.

**3. TEAM PHOTOGRAPH** - A framed, signed photo of the Luton Town 1991/92 squad.

**4. CHOICE** - Half-page programme advertising or perimeter advertising board for the remainder of the season.

**5. A DAY WITH A DIFFERENCE** - Allowing you to join our squad for the morning at our training ground, watching them prepare for our next First Division match, then joining the players for lunch.

**6. REPLICA KIT** - One complete Luton Town F.C. replica kit.

The price of this package is £1,975. If you are intrested, please do not hesitate to contact the commercial department.

## 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

### Advertising and Match Sponsorship

Wendy Grzybowska, Commercial Manager  
Tel (0582) 411622

### Umbro Sportswear/Souvenirs & Junior Hatters

Bev Tyler, Retail Manager  
Tel (0582) 411622

### Conference & Banqueting Facilities

Peter Saul, Catering Manager  
Tel (0582) 411622

### Promotions and Lotteries

John Gornall, Development Executive  
Tel (0582) 411622

### News and Information Soccerline

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

### Club Office Hours

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



Jean Norton, the wife of Phil Norton, who is district manager of Graham Builder Merchants, is presented with a bouquet of flowers by Managing Director David Kohler.



# Team check

VOUCHER NUMBER 15



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Official kit sponsors



Official ball sponsors

## 2 LUTON TOWN

Team Manager:  
David Pleat

White/blue shirts, blue shorts.

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

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## NORWICH CITY

Team Manager:  
David Stringer

Yellow shirts, green shorts.

Bryan Gunn  
Colin Woodthorpe  
Mark Bowen  
Chris Sutton  
John Polsten  
Jeremy Goss  
Daryl Sutch  
Robert Fleck  
Rob Newman  
Ian Crook  
Robert Ullathorne

### The Men in Charge

Referee - P. Jones (Loughborough)

Linesmen: M. H. Brown (Red trim)

B. T. Millership (Yellow trim)

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