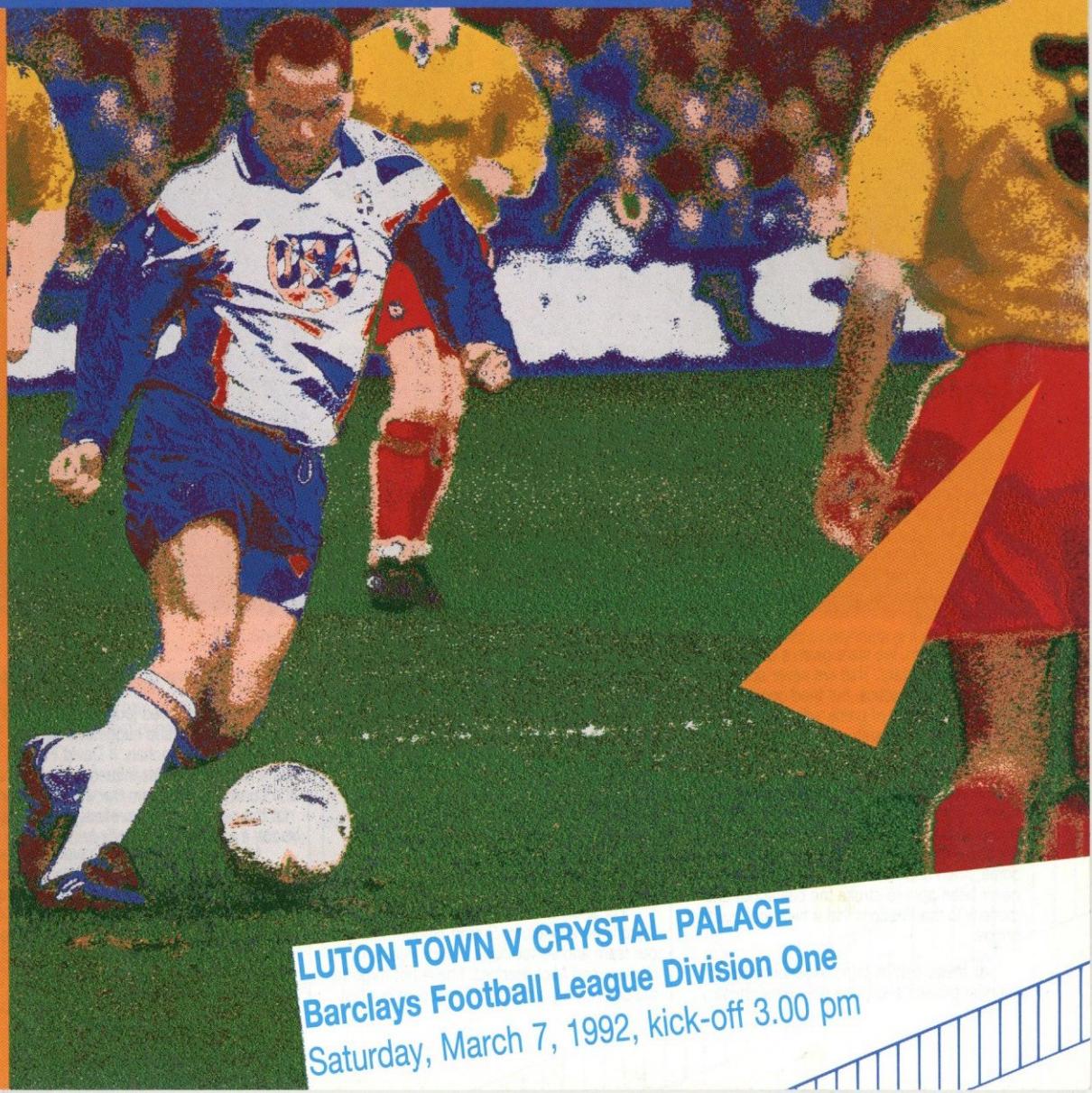


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# David Pleat



**"If our more recent performances can be maintained then we can collect the points to keep our heads above water"**

Welcome, to Crystal Palace. The game at Selhurst Park 10 days ago was a hard-fought affair with honours even. Today, we will have to do ourselves justice if we are to get a result. I will not be unhappy if we address this game in the same manner as we did last Saturday's contest at Leeds. The goal efforts we had at Elland Road caused the potential champions-elect some difficulties and they were never able to enjoy an air of composure. Indeed, until Cantona's second, after a defensive mix-up, Leeds were never in the driving seat.

Once again, we were given a good press and a fair summary. That we never adopted any hit-and-run tactics, but tried consistently to play our own type of game will eventually produce winning results.

This season has been more than difficult for the younger element. There has hardly been a game when we have enjoyed a two-goal cushion. On those occasions when we have been in front, there has always been some strain and nervousness and we have never been able to stroke the ball about and move with the freedom that a two-goal cushion brings.

All these battles bring experience for the younger players and there will come a time

when all the hard work and self-sacrifice will be looked back on as a benefit. If the likes of Pembridge, Telfer, Campbell, Linton, Oakes and Hughes, who have borne the brunt of being the youth of the club propelled into the team can learn and gain from their experiences, then we know we shall have a fine nucleus for the future, whatever our platform.

We were all unhappy when Steve Sutton got off the bus on the way home from last week's game at Leeds. He has been a first-class influence on everyone here during his three months with the club and it is a source of great regret that the board were unable to cope with an acquisition that would have been beneficial.

We should look at the record to see his contribution to our progress. After 19 games, we had 12 points; in the last 12 games, we have won 17 points. If these more recent results can be maintained now, then we can collect enough points to keep our heads above water. And if we do this, it will be due, in no small measure, to the influence of the experienced players on the younger element.

For short-term first-class experience, there is no substitute. Sutton brought this to our team and so too have Trevor Peake, Chris Kamara and Mick Harford. I have not forgotten the contributions of David Preece. In our last



Brian Stein scores his first goal of the season in the recent 2-1 victory against Sheffield United here at Kenilworth Road.

two games he has dominated the left side of midfield.

One experienced journalist noted his display at Leeds and suggested he had counter-acted Strachan. If David Preece continues to exert his influence on the team in the coming weeks from the wider position, and not the central role he prefers, he will have made a valuable contribution.

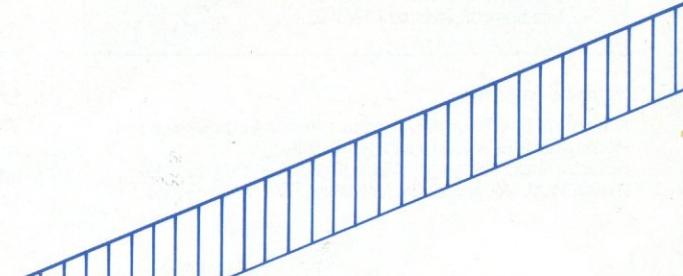
After today's game we have a fascinating meeting in prospect against Tottenham here on Wednesday. Whatever progress we have made as a group, I always look back on our return from Tunisia - where another player we wanted to sign, Niklas Nylen from Malmö, looked such a good player-as a mini turning-point.

Even though the lights went out on us at Tottenham when we had a 1-0 lead we did not lose our way after that experience.

Can we keep up the fight? Can we stick to the task? Will the young players crack? Can we get any players in to boost our chances? Will our loyal supporters stick with us? Will the directors come up with some formula to arrange for the strengthening of the club?

These are all the questions to be asked in the next few weeks when we all, as part of the club, have to keep our ambition. If we do not, then we might as well go and watch the cricket in Australia.

Only a 110 per cent effort will be enough by every one.  
Enjoy the game.



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# News Update

## Welcome Palace

□ This afternoon we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Crystal Palace to Kenilworth Road. We hope you enjoy your stay here and have a safe journey back to south London.

## Nationwide Football Against M.S.

□ Players from Luton Town F.C. will be making a special appearance as part of the Nationwide Football Against M.S. project, on Sunday, March 8. The event, a Festival of Football, is being held at Letchworth Football Club. A number of short matches involving local teams will take place from 4 pm, and the evening will be rounded off by a friendly game between Letchworth F.C. and the RAF, and a disco.

## Gray on the way back

□ Unlucky striker Phillip Gray begins light training next week after an achilles tendon operation. Gray, a £275,000 signing from Tottenham, has only made nine league appearances this season due to injury.

## Nottingham Forest fixture postponed

□ Our Barclays League Division One fixture against Nottingham Forest, scheduled for March 28, has been postponed.

## Zenith Data finalists confirmed

□ Nottingham Forest will meet Southampton in the first of this year's domestic finals when the First Division rivals contest the Zenith Data Systems Cup final at Wembley on Sunday, March 29. Forest settled the outstanding area final last Wednesday, beating Leicester City 2-0 on the night, and 3-1 on aggregate.

The two finalists will compete for a winner's cheque of £100,000 with the runners-up taking £40,000. Last year's final generated gate receipts of over £800,000 with Crystal Palace and Everton each banking over £205,000.

## Curle sprints to Wembley

□ Manchester City's Keith Curle has won the fifth of the regional heats of the Rumbelows Sprint Challenge and collects £500 for his efforts. Curle will now appear in the Wembley decider to be staged before the Rumbelows League Cup final on April 12.

Curle, running in full kit and boots, clocked 12.10 seconds for the 100 metres, ahead of Stuart Storer of Bolton who recorded 12.17.

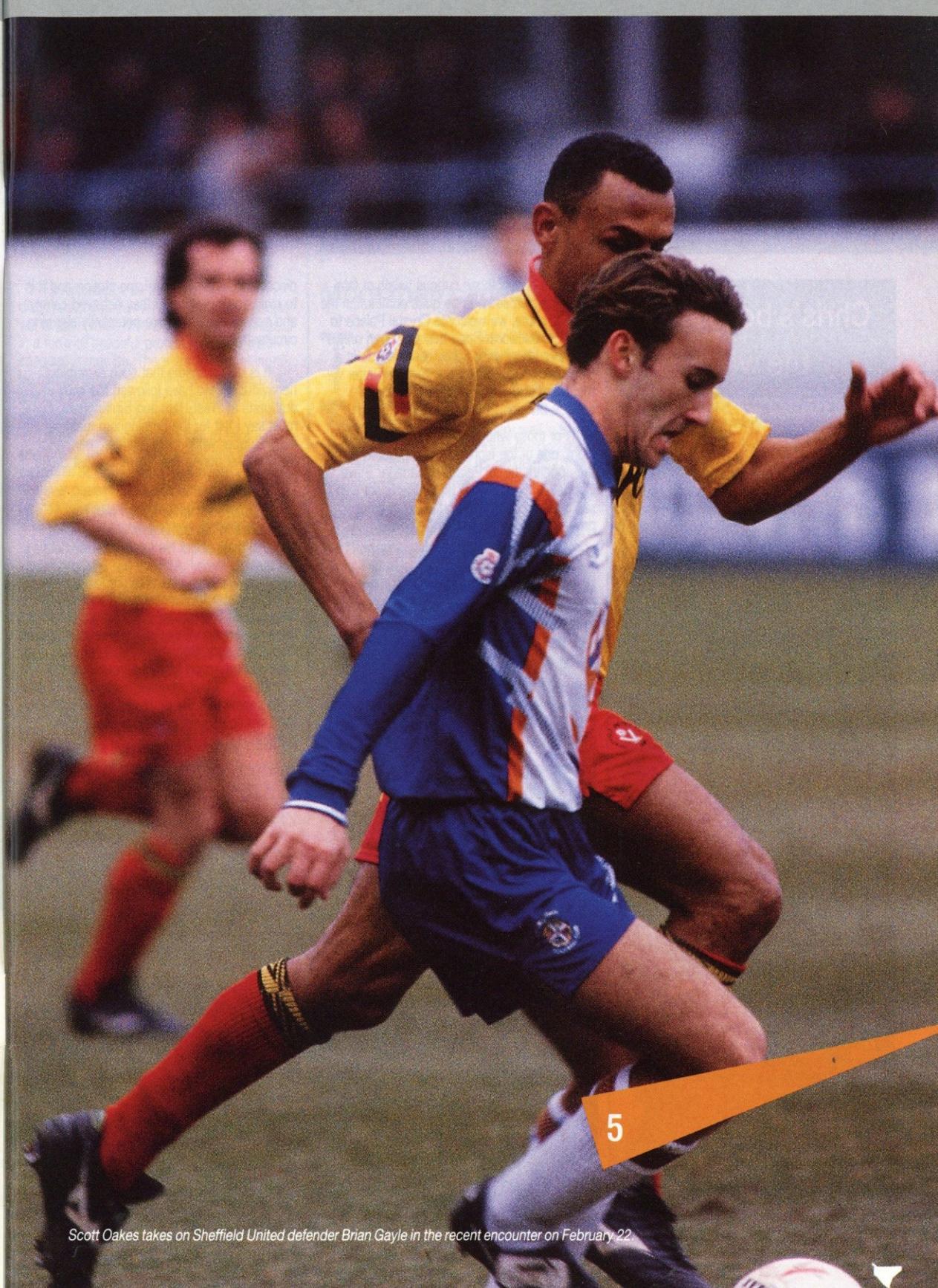
## Transfer deadline approaches

□ The deadline for the Football League clubs to register new players for the current campaign is 5.00 pm on Thursday, March 26. Players registered after this date will only be eligible to play in league matches which do not have a bearing on promotion or relegation issues. Transferred players will not be permitted to feature in any one of the league's three knock-out competitions.

## Rovers Return

□ Second Division Tranmere Rovers have been confirmed as hosts for this year's Women's Football Association Cup Final, which kicks-off at 2.30 pm on Saturday, April 25. The Birkenhead club are staging the final for the second successive year, following the success of last season's game, which was watched by a record crowd of more than 4,000.

Women's football continues to be one of the growth areas of the game nationwide with more than twenty-four Barclays League clubs now running teams affiliated to the Women's FA.



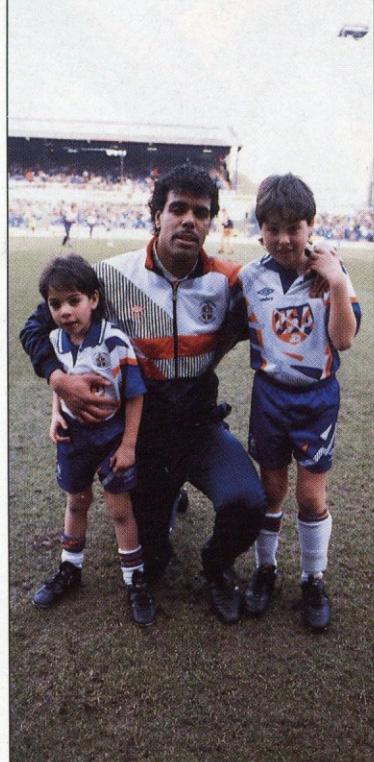
Scott Oakes takes on Sheffield United defender Brian Gayle in the recent encounter on February 22.

# Inside view

By Bill Tomlins



## Chris's boys lead the way



Chris Kamara (above), our commanding mid-fielder, marked his return to Elland Road last weekend with his boys being mascots for the day. Trevor Peake (right) marked his inspiring performance against Sheffield United on February 22 with the Man of the Match award.

**B**y one of those curious twists of fate which seem to be quite common in the game, we welcome Crystal Palace to Kenilworth Road this afternoon only a few days after hosting their reserve side in a Combination game and not very long after we met them at Selhurst Park in a Barclays League Division One rearranged fixture.

For those who came along on Monday night, one of the highlights of the game was the appearance by Palace's manager Steve Coppell in their reserve team. His talent was still there for all to see and enjoy in what proved to be an interesting 0-0 draw.

It sometimes needs a contest like Monday's to restore your faith after all the incidents which disfigured last weekend's football programme. I am referring, of course, to the happenings at West Ham, Birmingham and, most seriously of all, Tottenham Hotspur.

All the supporters and the police who were magnificent at Tottenham last Sunday deserve our heartiest congratulations. There were more than 28,000 fans kept waiting outside the ground after an explosive device was

discovered at White Hart Lane station and it is to everyone's credit that they behaved calmly and sensibly in what were potentially alarming circumstances.

It is only a shame that such exemplary behaviour should have followed the two outbursts at West Ham and Birmingham. I must say I felt for the Birmingham manager Terry Cooper when I read his comment after the outburst during their game against Stoke City.

It says much when a man with his experience in the game admits he is going home to think about his future after something like that.

I cannot help wondering if it was wise of the Football Supporters' Association to call for the sort of action they did last weekend, given these outbursts. Sometimes, it only needs one indisciplined action to cause trouble and, regrettably, as last weekend's events showed, it still seems that the problems we all hoped were eradicated are only hiding under the surface.



## Responsible supporters have been a credit to the game

Unfortunately, as the FSA have now discovered, you cannot guarantee how people will behave when they are asked to participate in a form of peaceful protest, however well-intended it may be. There are always going to be certain people who will take advantage of any chance to protest and this appears to be what happened at Upton Park.

In my view, one always has to take into account all the necessary safety and security measures at every game. Organising a protest, however peaceful, in a stadium where there is a cross-section of people and an excited atmosphere does not necessarily comply with this thinking.

Personally, like the FSA, I have always argued against the all-seater recommendations of the Taylor report. I believe there is a place for the standing supporter, but I also believe there is a right and proper way of drawing one's views to the attention of the people in power, though I can understand the FSA's desire to attract media attention.

A football stadium is a confined place and when it is filled for a match on a Saturday it is a volatile place too. Given the chance – as they were last weekend when the FSA called for seated fans to stand and for standing fans to sit in a peaceful protest against the Taylor report – certain types of people will always go 'over the top.'

The right thing to do, surely, is to lobby local MPs and sign petitions, as many of us involved in the game have done already. It seems that this particular protest was a misguided one and the FSA, which has given such a good image for the responsible fans, made an error on this occasion.

Finally, as a result of Nottingham Forest's victory at White Hart Lane last Sunday, our home league fixture against Forest, who are through to another Wembley final, on March 28 has been postponed, but the Spurs visit here on March 11 has been confirmed.

Forest have a heavy fixture list and it is difficult to see when we can find a new date. March 18 and April 15 are both possibilities, depending on FA Cup replays and Liverpool's progress in Europe, but it could be that the Football League will intervene and make it a Monday night game. We shall have to wait and see.

## Captain's diary

By Trevor Peake



## More than capable on our day

**T**he home game against Sheffield United a couple of weeks ago again emphasised the fact that we are more than capable of beating any team on our day.

United had been going very well in the league and our 2-1 win was just the boost we needed. It was a good all round display and, despite being under pressure with their direct style, we coped very well. It was good to see Brian Stein finally get on to the score sheet. His approach play has been good all season and I knew he was going to score sooner rather than later. Now that he has 'broken his duck' I hope he will score many more before the end of the season.

We went into the game away at Palace with added confidence after our win and played with a lot of heart to come back and equalise. It was a game in which both ourselves and Palace dominated in periods without actually getting on top. Once we had equalised through Mark Pembridge's penalty, we never really felt threatened.

Four points out of six meant that we went into the game at Leeds quietly confident. We knew it wasn't going to be easy, but it was about time we won away.



Chris Kamara presents a representative of the National Westminster Bank with a signed ball, as a moment of the bank's sponsorship of our game with Sheffield United on February 22.

Although we ended up losing 2-0, we showed Leeds that we were not going to concede defeat easily. Mick Harford and Brian Stein both had chances which tested the Leeds defence, but like so often this season, they fell the other side of the post.

Leeds' winner, which killed the game, was due to a defensive mix-up which should have been avoided. Make mistakes against the top teams, and they punish you...

It was sad to see Steve Sutton return to Nottingham Forest last week. Steve is a good professional and had been an influence on the boys. On a brighter note, it is good to see Phil Gray out of plaster and back into light training this week. Phil has proved during the few games he has played this season that he is a fine striker and we all look forward to having him back in the team before the end of the season.

It was good again to see so many fans travelling the long journey up to Leeds last Saturday. We hope to re-pay your loyalty with a good win today. Keep cheering and enjoy the game.



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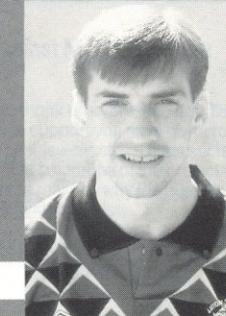
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## Junior Hatters

With Alec Chamberlain.



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Today we welcome Crystal Palace to Kenilworth Road. We also welcome the Junior Eagles who are watching today's game at the invitation of our Junior Hatters. Both sets of junior supporters have been playing football this morning, so if you played I hope you had a good time.

□ We have had a challenge from a Boys' Club to play them at football on Saturday, April 4. It will be for boys aged 14-15 years, so if you would like to play for the Junior Hatters in this game, could you let Bev Tyler know as soon as possible please.

□ As Easter is not far away, I have some Easter Eggs to give away in a competition. All you have to do is make as many four or five-letter words as you can out of the name MARK PEMBRODGE. It is easy, so I will start you off with one: ABIDE. The closing date for this competition will be Friday, April 10 and all entries must be sent to the Sports Shop, 125 Oak Road, Luton LU4 8AA. Please

enclose your membership number with your entry. Good luck!

□ On Wednesday, April 22, we are running a coach to Wembley Stadium. The tour will offer a chance to capture the atmosphere and magic of this magnificent stadium. The tour will take you behind the scenes to many fascinating areas that are normally hidden from the general public. The coach will leave from Oak Road at 1.45 pm, the price is £5 for Junior Hatters and £6 for parents. You can book from the Sports Shop or telephone (0582) 411622. This tour coincides with your school holidays, so book early to avoid disappointment.

□ Today's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is 0093.....GARY LEWIS. He wins two free tickets to one of our home games. To claim your prize, Gary, please call into the Oak Road Sports Shop and bring your membership card with you.

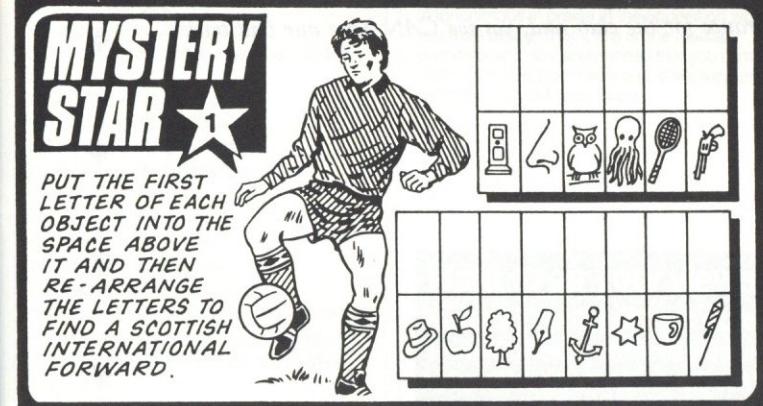
## Match Mascot



Today's mascot is Adam Turner. He is 13 and goes to Putteridge High School. He likes golf, swimming and plays football for Luton Schoolboys and Ramridge Rangers. His favourite player is Mick Harford.

## QUIZ TIME

1. Who is Luton's reserve team coach?
2. Which former England coach is now the manager of Coventry City?
3. Which team play at the City Ground?
4. Name Aston Villa's new centre-back who was signed from Oldham Athletic for £1.7 million.



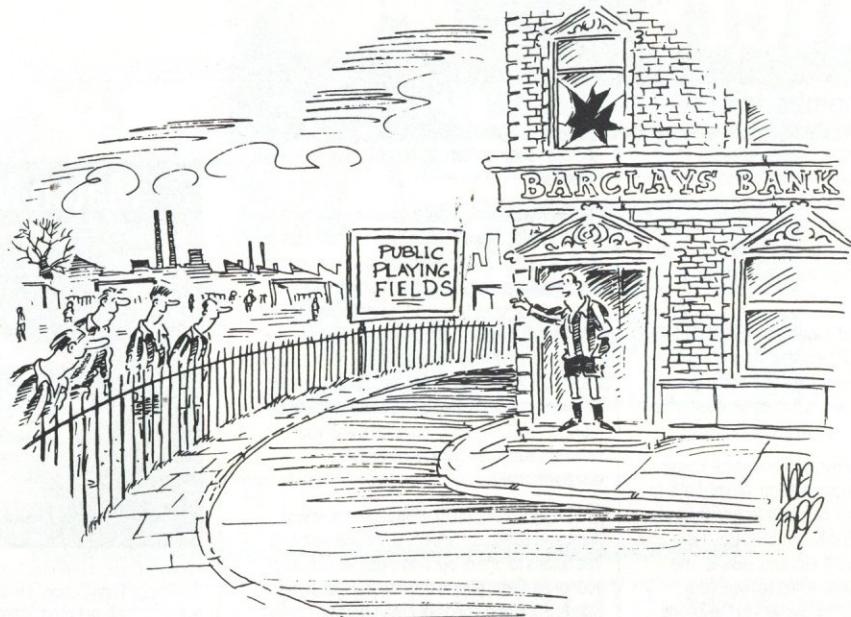
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# Fans' view

## Mad as a Hatter...



Name: Keith Brooksbank  
Occupation: Shipping Clerk (in Liverpool)  
1st Luton Town game: Liverpool v Luton Town, 1974-75, lost 2-0  
1st Luton Town away game: as above.  
Favourite player (past): Paul Walsh  
Favourite player (present): Mick Harford  
Best goal last season: Lars Elstrup's second at Nottingham Forest  
Best goal ever: Brian Stein's Wembley winner.  
Number of league grounds visited: 74  
Favourite away ground: Villa Park  
Worst away ground: Cambridge United  
Most memorable Luton match: Littlewoods Cup Final 1988  
All-time Town team: Dibble, Stephens, Buckley, Hill, Turner, Donaghy, Elstrup, Walsh, Harford, Antic, Moss.  
Subs: Stein, Elliott.

### A 'Football Against M.S.' thank-you

Dear Sir,

Just a few lines to thank everyone at Luton Town for the tremendous support you have given to our project over the past few months. Clubs such as yours have been the backbone of the project and are one of the prime reasons why the event is now such a nationwide success.

Please extend our very best wishes to all who are involved and give them our very best wishes for the future.

Mr Bromley Clarke  
Event Director,  
Nationwide Football Against M.S.

*Ed's note: See page 4 of today's programme for a future event involving L.T.F.C. and Football Against M.S.*

### Praise from a City fan

Dear Sir,

This letter will be of scant consolation after your heavy defeat at Maine Road on February 15, but I write to you in praise of the way Luton played, with the emphasis on good passing and movement. You rarely resorted to the long ball from defence to attack, so often employed by teams with a big target man – as we at City are only to critical of ourselves at times.

Even in the face of provocative refereeing decisions going against you, your team kept its head after the initial protest and endeavoured to play attractive football. Whilst it is easy to be magnanimous in praise of the opposition when you have beaten them, this is one football supporter who sincerely hopes that you climb clear of the relegation area and looks forward to your next visit to Maine Road.

Mr B Jenkinson,  
4 Barry Road South,  
Rhyl,  
Clwyd LL18 1DL.

### Touchline monitor a good idea

Dear Sir,

I read with interest David Pleat's suggestion of having a touchline monitor. I think this would be an excellent idea. It would certainly cut down the abuse aimed at our officials – 'the camera never lies' – but if it is phased in, it should certainly not be abused, (i.e. every offside or foul provoking a protest from players).

Providing cameras are placed in both goals, we should never again experience such incidents as the France B 'goal' that no-one actually saw. The professional foul would be looked at before such a crucial decision is made regarding the offender, and obvious 'cheats' could be dealt with there and then.

There could be a problem with matches overrunning because of referees continually running to the touchline for consultation, but this could be overcome if the monitor official was (e.g.) a retired referee, who could make a signal to the ref on the field to indicate his decision. But as long as it is only consulted for major borderline decisions, the game itself should not suffer from hold-ups.

The offside decision is all too often a rash one by a linesman who 'panics' at seeing a forward dart through an offside trap towards a lone keeper and instinctively raises his flag. With a touchline monitor, when the linesman is unsure of his decision, he could drop his flag, which would allow play to continue subject to the final decision of the official behind the monitor, who would signal after watching the re-run.

Kevin Pickstock,  
28 Larke Way,  
Leagrave,  
Luton LU4 9JF.

### John is tops

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to say that I think John Dreyer should be given more credit for the way he has played in Luton's matches this season.

He has kept so called 'million pound men' like Ian Wright, Teddy Sheringham, Robert Fleck and Brian Deane off of the score sheet to set up good results for the Town.

Keep up the good work John.

Richard Kendall,  
12 Uplands,  
Sundon Park,  
Luton LU3 3HG.

### Want to air your views?

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Wednesday, March 11, 1992, kick-off 7.45 pm

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Tickets are on sale until 5.00 pm on the day of the match (subject to availability).  
Normal league prices and guesting facilities apply.

### Barclays League Division One **EVERTON V LUTON TOWN**

Saturday, March 14, 1992, kick-off 3.00 pm

No standing accommodation at Everton unreserved seats only priced at £8.50 (no concessions).  
Tickets available until 4.00 pm on Thursday 12th March 1992 or at Goodison Park on the day of the match.

### Barclays League Division One **SOUTHAMPTON V LUTON TOWN**

Saturday, March 21, 1992, kick-off 3.00 pm

Seats priced at £9.50 (no concessions) available from the Ticket Office until 4.00 pm on Thursday 19th March 1992 also on the day at The Dell.  
Standing £6.00 (no concessions) pay on the day only at turnstiles 12 and 13.

### Barclays League Division One **LUTON TOWN V NOTTINGHAM FOREST**

Saturday, March 28, 1992

Due to Nottingham Forest getting to the Zenith Data Systems Cup Final on 29th March this scheduled league match has been postponed.  
Details of the re-arranged date to be advised.

### Barclays League Division One **LUTON TOWN V WIMBLEDON**

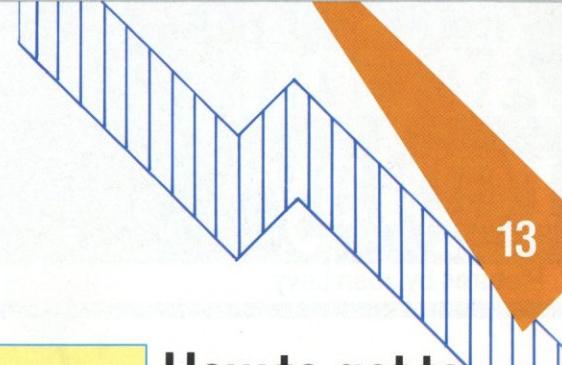
Saturday, April 4, 1992, kick-off 3.00 pm

Tickets for this match go on sale on Saturday 21st March.  
Normal league prices and guesting facilities apply.

#### **SPECIAL NOTICE - PRIVILEGE PURCHASE PERIOD**

In view of the anticipated demand for Manchester United match tickets, members purchasing tickets for the Wimbledon game before 4th April, 1992 will be offered the opportunity of purchasing their tickets for the Manchester United game at the same time, (before they go on general sale after the Wimbledon match).

This offer also applies to Season Ticket Holders wishing to purchase additional guest tickets for the Manchester United fixture. Terrace supporters who wish to take up this offer should purchase their tickets for both the Wimbledon and Manchester United fixture from the Ticket Office before 4th April, 1992.



## How to get to...

### EVERTON

By road: Take the M1 then the M6 motorways to the M62. Continue to the end and turn right into A5058 Queens Drive. In three and three quarter miles, turn left for A580 into Walton Hall Avenue for ground.

Nearest railway: Liverpool Lime Street

There is a car park at the corner of Priory and Utting Avenue, otherwise street parking is available.

## 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 EVERTON 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, with the usual pick-up points en route.

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The Ticket Office is open from 10 am to 4 pm on weekdays and from 10 am to 1 pm 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.

# Action replay

Pictures by Josh Levy

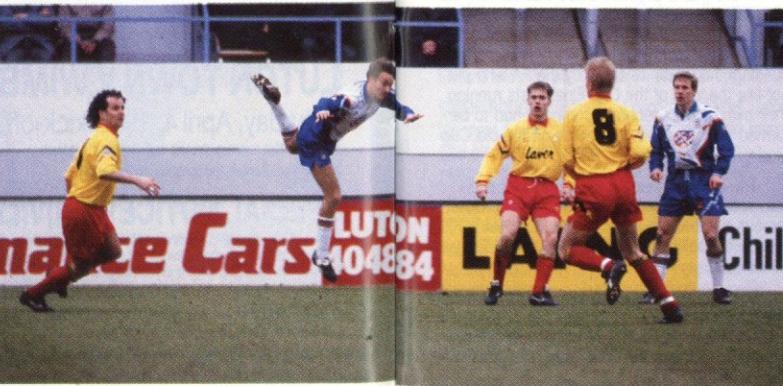


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(West Midlands)



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In a hard fought game against a much-improved United side, the Town came away with maximum points after their second successive home win. Pictured in action are Scott Oakes who had a fine game, and midfielder Chris Kamara.

# Today's visitors

By Luke Nicoli



Back Row (left to right): Ricky Newman, Jeff Hopkins, Garry Thompson (now QPR), Martin Chester, Tony Witter (now QPR), Chris Coleman, Alan Pardew (now Charlton), Gareth Southgate, Dean Gordon.

Middle Row (left to right): Alan Smith (Asst. Manager), Wally Downes (Coach), Spike Hill (Kit Manager), Paul Bodin (now Swindon), Paul Brazier, Rudi Hedman, Stan Collymore, Jimmy Glass, Nigel Martyn, Andy Woodman, Perry Suckling, Andy Thorn, John Salako, Torje Elke (Physio), David West (Physio), Dave Garland (Youth Team Coach).

Front Row (left to right): Jamie Moralee, Eddie McGoldrick, John Humphrey, Simon Rodger, Mark Bright, Geoff Thomas, Steve Coppell (Manager), Andy Gray, Ian Wright (now Arsenal), Eric Young, Simon Osborn, Richard Shaw, David Whyte.

A season which promised so much has, in recent months, faltered for Steve Coppell's Crystal Palace.

Last term the spirited Eagles came to the forefront of English football after securing third spot in the league, and winning the Zenith Data Systems Cup, 4-1 against Everton. Ian Wright, Geoff Thomas and John Salako became household names and all worked their way into the England squad. A real push for honours was therefore expected from the south London club in 1991.

As always in football, however, events rarely go to plan with Palace, at the time of writing, placed 11th in Division One with 39 points, 22 points adrift of leaders Manchester United. Last weekend inconsistencies were again highlighted in a 4-3 home defeat against Norwich.

Salako, an England regular after impressive performances on the summer tour of Australia and New Zealand, has not kicked a ball since September. A cruciate knee ligament injury, sustained against Leeds United, has meant that

his valuable supply of pin-point crosses have been missing all season and he is unlikely to play again until August.

Wright is another player who has been missing from the Palace front line this term, but for a very different reason. In September, Arsenal came in with a £2.5 million package for the England striker, an offer the Palace board could not refuse. Wright went on to become an instant success at Highbury, leaving a void behind him at Selhurst Park.

£1.8 million of Wright's fee was almost immediately spent on Sunderland's Marco Gabbiadini. But finding it hard to settle - during a period in which Palace were knocked out of the FA Cup at Leicester 1-0 and the Zenith Cup against Chelsea - he was transferred to Derby County for £1.2 million after four months.

A positive side has arisen from the Eagles' season, however, and that has been the continued progress of captain Geoff Thomas, and the emergence of a string of youth team players in the first team set-up.

Thomas is now a regular in the England midfield alongside David Platt and will now be looking forward to a successful European Championships in Sweden this summer. David

## Welcome to Crystal Palace

CRYSTAL PALACE F.C. 1991/92 SEASON

Whyte - Mark Bright's new striking partner - Gareth Southgate and Simon Osborn are just three names in a long line of talented young players at Selhurst Park hoping to make the grade in the First Division before the season's out. All three are tipped to have a successful career with the Eagles and prove that there is no substitute for home-grown talent.

There was a Crystal Palace club as early as 1861 but the present organisation was formed in 1905 after the formation of a club by the company that controlled the Crystal Palace (the building), had been rejected by the FA who did not like the idea of the Cup Final hosts running their own club. A separate company had to be formed and they had their home on the old Cup Final ground until 1915.

The club has had 18 managers since the war, with Mr Coppell the longest serving. Other famous names who have managed Palace include Malcolm Allison, Dario Gradi and Terry Venables.

During their 87-year history, success for the club has been limited. They won the Second Division title in 1979, the Division Three (south) crown in 1921 and the Zenith Data Cup last season.

## Eagles on Parade

**NIGEL MARTYN** (goalkeeper) - Nigel enjoyed a highly successful 1990/91 season which saw him become firmly established in Graham Taylor's England international plans. Although he is yet to appear for the full side, he has made a number of appearances at both B and under-21 levels. Nigel, Britain's first £1 million keeper, kept 22 clean sheets last season.

**CHRIS COLEMAN** (defender) - 21-year-old Chris joined the Eagles from Swansea City during the summer of 1991 for £27,000. He made his league debut for the Welsh club in 1987 and totalled 160 league games for the Swans. He has gained European Cup Winners' Cup experience and is a Welsh under-21 international.

**LEE SINNOTT** (defender) - Lee has fitted in well at Selhurst Park since signing from Bradford City just prior to the start of the 1991/92 season. Lee formerly at Walsall and Watford, is equally at home in the role of central defender or full-back.

**JOHN HUMPHREY** (defender) - John must go down in history as the only Football League player to have changed clubs without changing dressing rooms. This happened when he was signed from tenants Charlton in 1990 for £450,000. An ever-present last season, John plays at right-back.

**GARETH SOUTHGATE** (defender) - Although only 21, Gareth has been at Palace for many years, working his way through the ranks to the first team. He made his debut away to Southend in the Rumbelows Cup last season, coming on to the field as substitute.

**ANDY THORN** (defender) - Central defender Andy was signed from Newcastle United for £650,000 in 1989. The six foot Carshalton-born player started his career with Wimbledon and played a major part in the Dons' rise to the First Division. Andy, who linked up with former Wimbledon partner Eric Young again last season, is an England under-21 international.

**ERIC YOUNG** (defender) - Singapore-born Welsh international, Eric joined Palace from Wimbledon at the start of the season for £850,000. Well respected for his power and commitment, he broke into the full Wales side last term and has since established himself on the international scene.

**SIMON OSBORN** (midfield) - "Ossie", who made his first-team debut at Brighton in the Zenith Data Systems Cup, became an instant hit with supporters after showing a great deal of maturity in his play. Tipped as having a great future in football, Simon is just one of many youngsters showing promise at Selhurst Park.

**PAUL MORTIMER** (midfield) - A surprise signing, Paul had only played a dozen games for Aston Villa since signing from Charlton for £750,000 last summer. A left-sided midfielder, Steve Coppell brought back the England under-21 international in a £400,000 deal.

**SIMON RODGER** (midfield) - A dogged midfielder, Simon has made a rapid rise to First Division football this season. After playing junior football, Simon had an impressive season in the Palace reserve side last year, forcing himself into first team recognition this term.

**EDDIE McGOLDRICK** (midfield) - Signed from Northampton Town for £200,000 in 1989, versatile Eddie has the natural ability to perform with a great deal of assurance either as a winger, midfielder or a sweeper, where he operated towards the end of last season with a great deal of success. This term he has reverted to his more accustomed wide position.

**GEOFF THOMAS** (midfield) - Now firmly established in the full England squad, Geoff made his debut for his country in Turkey last May. He joined Palace from Crewe in 1987, having had a short spell with Rochdale. This is Geoff's fourth season as captain of Crystal Palace.



Geoff Thomas

**STAN COLLYMORE** (forward) - Stan is a popular striker who signed from non-league Stafford Rangers for £100,000 in December 1990. His prolific Combination scoring rate led to Steve Coppell giving him a taste of first team action, making his debut in February 1990 at home to QPR.

**MARK BRIGHT** (forward) - Mark signed from Leicester City for a bargain £75,000 in 1986, and is one of the most prolific strikers in Palace's history. Mark, who is now beginning to form a strike partnership for the third time this season, has been going through a lean spell of late, but is still one of the league's leading goalscorers.

During eight full seasons with the club, Steve's wizardry on the wing earned him 42 England caps, scoring seven goals. He also played in three FA Cup finals, unfortunately winning only one winner's medal in 1977 v Liverpool.

At the age of 28, his career was tragically cut short following a severe knee injury at Sunderland in 1983. He had played a total of 320 games for United, scoring 53 goals.

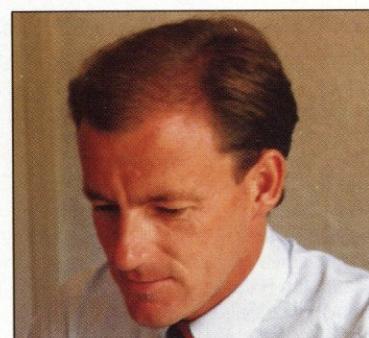
A year later Steve, who had the qualifications to walk into most jobs outside football, returned to the game he loved. He took the Manager's job at Crystal Palace in June 1984 and following a year of battling against relegation, he sparked off a magnificent revival in Palace's lagging fortunes.

He took the side into the First Division in 1988/89 and guided the Eagles to the FA Cup final in 1990 against Manchester United. Unfortunately for Steve, his side lost the match after a replay, but he was by now regarded as one of the top managers in British football and hunted by the top European clubs for his services.

Last season was Steve's most successful yet. He guided Palace to their highest league placing in Division One (third) and led the side to Wembley again, this time in the Z.D.S. Cup against Wembley. Having gained experience on their last visit, Palace went on to lift the trophy after an emphatic 4-1 win in front of over 60,000 mainly Palace fans.

**DAVID WHYTE** (forward) - David, who signed professional forms in 1988, is being tipped as the new Ian Wright after an impressive baptism in the First Division. Although included as substitute on occasions, David's real chance came after Marco Gabbiadini's departure last month.

## Meet the Boss



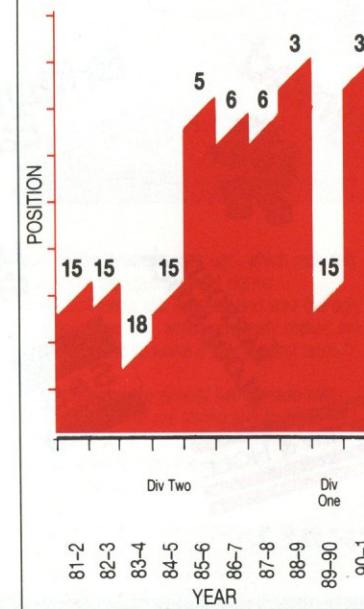
STEVE COPPEL

Steve Coppell started his career at Tranmere Rovers in 1973, for whom he signed whilst studying Economics at Liverpool University.

35 appearances and ten goals later, this highly talented right winger was signed by Manchester United manager Tommy Docherty for £60,000 where he began a long and successful career at Old Trafford.

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## 10 year record



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# Player profile

## Jamie Campbell

It has been a meteoric rise into the First Division for 19-year-old striker Jamie Campbell. Last season, the former Bedfordshire County player was completing his second year apprenticeship in the South East Counties League, this term he has already competed against the likes of Arsenal, Chelsea and Crystal Palace.

A six foot powerhouse who is good in the air and equally at home with the ball at his feet, Jamie had only played 12 reserve and one Z.D.S. game this season before being thrown into the deep end at Sheffield United. This surprise call-up came when Mick Harford was injured for the league clash with the Blades back in November.

"I never expected to get my chance in the first team so quickly. I had set myself a realistic target of playing a year in the reserves, scoring a few goals and then pushing for a place in the first team squad next season.

"I can remember being pretty nervous when I first walked out at Bramall Lane, but once the game got under way there was no time to worry about nerves. I think that I have settled in well, and having the more experienced players around like Chris Kamara and Trevor Peake also helps. They always encourage me when I am on the ball and often pull me to one side after a game to tell me what I've been doing right and wrong. That is a great help, and all part of the learning process."

Jamie, like so many other young Luton players who have made the break into league football over recent seasons, started out with the club attending the School of Excellence here at Kenilworth Road.

"I was spotted playing for my local club side Bramlington Spittires in the Chiltern League. After attending the weekly coaching sessions here, I was asked to play for the junior sides. I



signed forms three seasons ago, which included two years in the youth team. I signed professional forms last summer and was the only apprentice taken on, which obviously makes me more determined to make it into the first team."

Comparisons are already being made with Mick Harford - both are strong and good in the air - but in football it is unusual to have two big forwards spearheading the same attack. Does Jamie see this as a problem?

"No, not at all. I believe Mick and myself could do quite a good job together. Although we are both tall, we both have enough technique to use the ball at our feet, so one of us could complement the other."

"Obviously we have a hard battle on our hands, but I think we will stay up. You often need a lot of luck in football, something we've had very little of this season, but hopefully it will come our way now when we need it most."

"For Jamie then, it has been a season to remember. Hopefully he can play his part in the team over the next few weeks, and that we can see the young striker showing off his talents again next season....in the First Division."

### JAMIE CAMPBELL FACT FILE

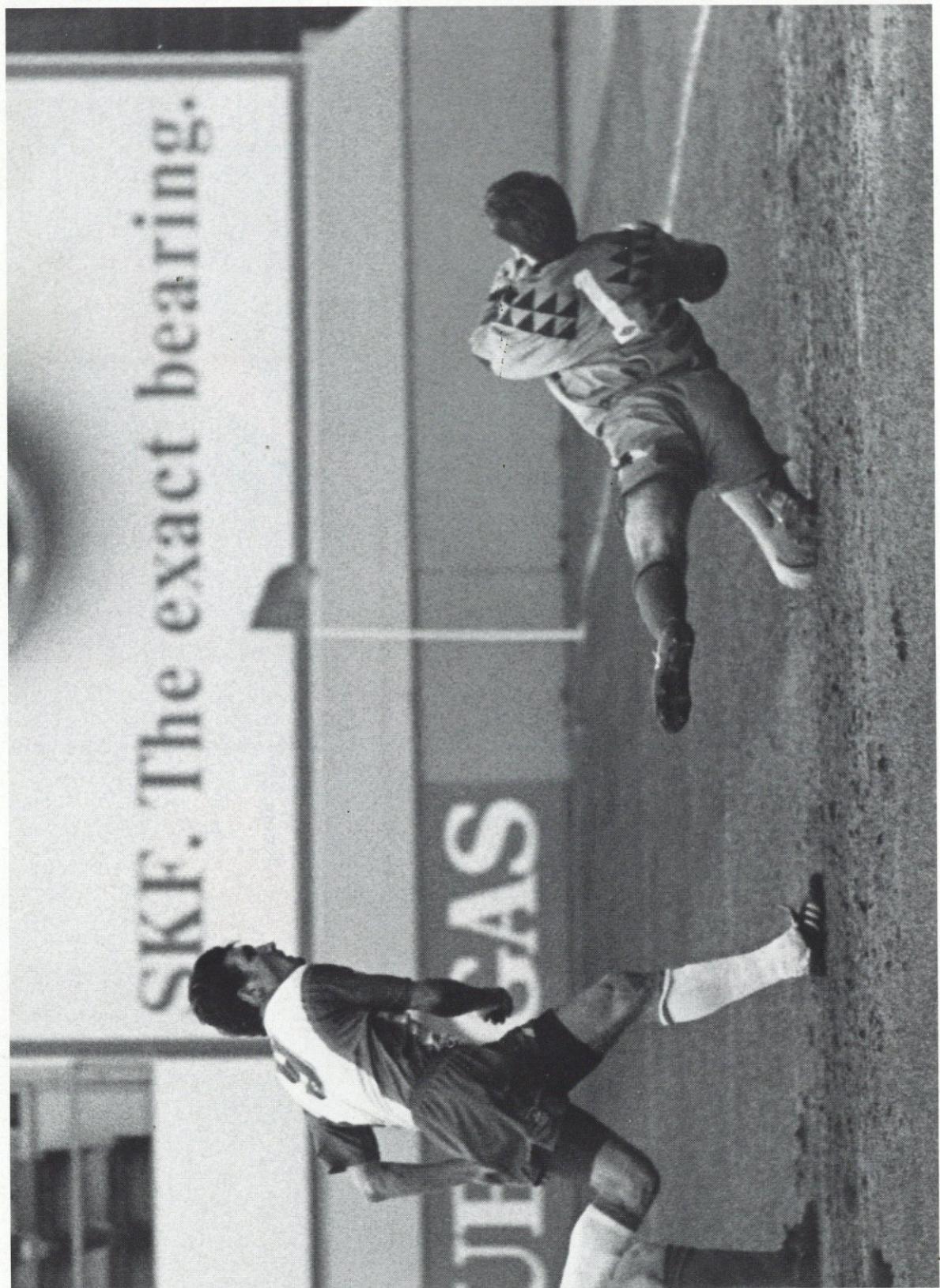
Born: Birmingham 21.10.72  
Previous clubs: None  
F.L. debut: Sheffield United (a) 30.11.91  
Joined Luton: 1989  
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*Jamie Campbell*

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Mick Harford nets his ninth league goal of the season against Sheffield United on February 22.

## A TRIP AROUND EUROPE

*With Tottenham and Liverpool looking for European glory this week, we take a look at the latest happenings around the major leagues of Europe*

### ITALY

A.C. Milan, undefeated all season, are running away with the Serie A title. They look to be heading for their 12th league title and a return to the European Cup scene after a one year ban.

There is also life in the other half of the city where ailing Inter Milan have taken heart from the appointment of new coach Luis Suarez.

Suarez, a much-travelled Spaniard, won numerous honours with Internazionale as a player and has now returned for a second spell as coach.

Former coach Corrado Orrico looked doomed from the start of his nine month spell in charge. Coaching Second Division Lucchese is no real preparation for handling a club of Inter's status, and defeats against Boavista in the UEFA Cup and a 1-0 defeat by lowly Atalanta confirmed that Orrico's time was up.

Another club to lose their coach has been bottom club Ascoli. A 4-0 home defeat by Torino was enough to slam the door on Giancarlo de Sisti.

Milan remain four points clear of nearest rivals Juventus on 36 points, following a 0-0 draw at Genoa. Juve failed to take advantage, with a 0-0 draw at lowly Bari. Last season's champions Sampdoria have moved up to seventh place and have extended their unbeaten run to 14 matches following a 1-0 win at Ascoli.

### FRANCE

Apparently, there will be no Briton's in Olympique Marseille's line-up for next season.

Chris Waddle is set to return home for a 'bargain' million at the end of the season, while Trevor Steven, who cost more than Waddle at over £5 million, will probably be available for three.

Jean-Pierre Papin is also set to leave the financially troubled club. He is likely to move to Italy, but not to AC Milan who have recently paid a reported £11.5 million for Dejan Savicevic of Red Star Belgrade.

F.C. Brest have folded recently and their star player, David Ginola, was signed by Paris St Germain almost immediately. Ginola, who overshadowed Paul Gascoigne in the Toulon under-21 tournament three years ago, is hoping the move to one of France's biggest clubs will enhance his international openings and a regular place in Michel Platini's side.

Marseille currently lead the First Division with 41 points, following a 2-0 victory over Toulouse. Monaco remain in second place on 40 points after drawing 1-1 with Toulon.

### SPAIN

Flamboyant Athletico Madrid owner Jesus Gil is still in the news in Spain. His latest outburst came last month when he threatened to ban television cameras from the derby game with Real Madrid unless Athletico received the same rake-off as Real and Barcelona in the annual share-out of T.V. fees.

The Disciplinary Council announced a six-month 'Suspension from all presidential functions' following this latest uproar, which has also had an adverse effect on the team.

Leading the table in September, Athletico are currently in third place with 30 points following a 5-1 thrashing of Real Sociedad. Real, who lead the table on 34 points, did not play last week. Their nearest rivals, Barcelona, trail the leaders by one point after drawing 1-1 with Sporting Gijon.

### GERMANY

German football has been shaken by the biggest betting scandal in its history, and the eight men who organised the ring, have been arrested.

No players or managers were among them, but footballers and coaches have been betting on matches, though it is not suspected that results have been manipulated.

Privately organised betting on football is illegal in Germany. According to law it can be undertaken only through the licensed State-run pool (called Toto), or lotteries (known as Lotto). All other forms of gambling for gain are forbidden.

Investigations are continuing and some criminal proceedings seem certain against those running illegal betting shops.

On the football front, Borussia Dortmund head the table with 34 points, despite drawing 0-0 with lowly Dresden. VfB Stuttgart close the gap at the top to just two points after their 1-0 win at Schalke. Bayern Munich are currently occupying ninth spot after their dreadful start to the season.

### NETHERLANDS

Johan Cruyff has agreed to manage the Dutch team if they qualify for the 1994 World Cup in the United States.

He will only take charge at the tournament, after another coach, probably Dick Advocaat, has managed Holland in the qualifying matches.

Cruyff has claimed he can combine the job with his task as club manager of Barcelona, but Barca president Josep Nunez reacted furiously when he heard about the deal with the Dutch FA . . . especially as he learned the news from the press.

Cruyff's contract with Barcelona runs until the summer of 1993, and he was expected to start negotiations soon to stay at the club. But Nunez said in the local press: "I'm not going to negotiate with people who already have their future planned out."

The saga continues . . .

PSV Eindhoven continue to dominate the Dutch League. Last weekend they won 2-1 at Dordrecht to stay two points clear of Feyenoord on 43 points. Feyenoord also won away at FC Vloedam, 1-0.

### PORTUGAL

Since their brilliant 3-1 victory over Arsenal in the second round of the European Cup, the Eagles of Benfica have not produced anything consistent with their ambitions and the demands of their supporters.

Having lost in Kiev and drawn at home against Barcelona, the Portuguese champions now look unlikely to progress any further in Europe's premier cup competition.

Domestic results have also been very poor. Draws against bottom clubs Penafiel and Salgueiros, and against Setubal (a Second Division club) in the Cup, have meant that arch rivals Porto have taken the lead in the championship race. Last weekend though, the lead was cut to just one point after Porto could only manage a 0-0 draw at Torriense, while Benfica won 3-1 at Guimaraes.

### BELGIUM

Anderlecht, on course for yet another championship, have signed a player who should improve their hopes even further.

They have signed midfielder Bruno Versavel, Mechelen's star player, for £1 million over five years. The champions have also persuaded coach Aad de Mos to sign a two-year contract extension.

Mechelen's Belgian international goalkeeper, Michel Preud'homme has also been in the news in Belgium. He has recently set a league record of 121 consecutive appearances for his club. He has not missed a match since May 1988.

Anderlecht's commanding lead was cut to three points this week after a 0-0 draw with Lierse. Nearest rival Bruges, who have 29 points, won 3-0 away to Courtrai.

### GREECE

Apollon, so often among the strugglers in Greece, are top of the table at present and look capable of staying there.

Not before time - the club, formed in 1891, have not won a single major honour.

Their biggest success of this surprising season was the 2-1 defeat of Panathinaikos in the Olympic Stadium, their first away win over the current champions for 33 years.

Apollon's top scorer, Imre Katsembach, is also the league's leading scorer with 10 goals so far. Ironically, Katsembach had been rejected by Panathinaikos after a trial after he left MTK in his native Bulgaria.

Apollon head the table on 20 points following a 2-0 win against Athinaikos - Manchester United's opponents in this year's Cup Winners' Cup - while Panathinaikos remain in second place on 19 points beating rivals Olympiakos 1-0.



Ruud Gullit - leading AC Milan to the Italian title this season.

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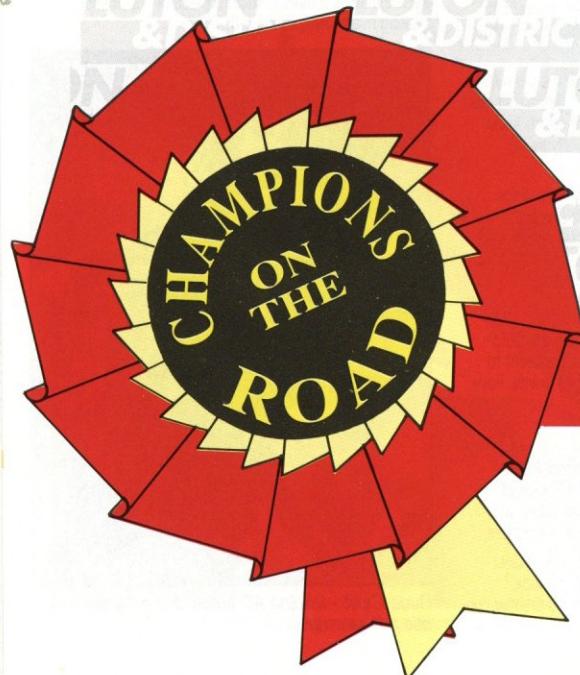
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*Mick Harford (above) beats Andy Thorn to a header in the recent game with Crystal Palace. Brian Stein (below) is pictured in action in the same match.*



# Looking back

By Roger Wash

## The Last Time We Met...

February 25, 1992 (Division One)

Crystal Palace 1 (Bright)  
Luton Town 1 (Pembroke, pen)  
Referee: P Danson (Blaby)  
Attendance: 12,109

Luton Town – Sutton, James, Harvey, Kamara, Dreyer, Peake, Oakes (Hughes), Stein (Campbell), Harford, Pembroke, Preece.

Crystal Palace – Martyn, Humphrey, Sinnott (Coleman), Osborn, Young, Thorn, Rodger, Thomas, Bright, Whyte (Southgate), McGoldrick.

After going a goal down to a Mark Bright strike, the Town produced some neat approach play, that totally belied their league position. The much-deserved equaliser came early in the second-half when Mark Pembroke coolly tucked away a penalty after Brian Stein had been brought down by Eric Young.



Mark Pembroke scored from the spot at Selhurst Park.

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## Handbooks provided a wealth of knowledge down the years

In this, the first of a two-part series, Roger Wash looks at the history of the Luton Town Handbook from the earliest times, until its final issue in 1963

Some twenty-five years ago, my late grandfather gave me a virtually complete run of Luton News Football Handbooks, dating back to 1898, and it is probably these items more than anything else that set me off on the never-ending quest for historical and statistical information on the club.

The earliest handbook in my possession is for the 1898/99 season, but no mention is made as to whether this is the first edition, although I have not heard of any earlier – certainly the club's archive collection starts at the same time.

'The Luton News Football Annual', as it was then called, was priced at 1d and was printed by Gibbs & Balmforth on blue paper in a pink cover. What is fascinating for the historian is the head and shoulders photograph of each first team player, together with a brief biography which proved invaluable during the production of 'The Luton Town Story'.

From this first edition we learn that the Town's new goalkeeper, William Perkins, was born in Kettering on January 26, 1876 and started his playing career with Burton Latimer Temperance, and that Jack Durrant was the only local lad on the books that season.

A review of the previous season, a fixture list and series of wonderful adverts make the handbook indispensable, not only for students of the club's history, but also as a social record of the time. Where else would you learn that you could furnish your house with a £2-10-0 (£2.50) worth of furniture for only 2s (10p) a week? – no mention of interest rates either!

Although changing its name to 'Luton News Football Handbook' the following season, the format remained un-altered until 1903 when a smaller edition was published. It was to remain virtually unchanged for the next sixty years.

Although smaller, more pages were introduced, as were features, such as a

list of club officials, clubs affiliated to the Beds FA and sections on the Luton Junior League and the Beds and District League. Also, and of perhaps more importance to myself, was a season-by-season list of players making first team appearances since professionalism was adopted in 1891.

By the time of the outbreak of World War I, the handbook was now established and had expanded considerably. The 1914/15 edition included a preface by 'Crusader' (J.J. Hunt), congratulating the players on promotion back to Division One of the Southern League, and pointing out that the sojourn in Division Two had not cost the club financially as a subsidy was payable for the many trips to Wales.

A marvellous 'team' group of 21 middle-aged men dressed in suits appeared at this time – not the Luton players, but the first photograph of the Supporters' Club committee, which featured the local M.P. as a vice president.

Between the Wars, the handbook increased in price to 2d then 3d before surprisingly dropping back to 2d. Looking at one of the more expensive issues (1929/30), a team photograph is included for your money, as are player appearances and goalscorers, the ever-expanding section on 'Men who have played for Luton', as well as large sections on the local leagues and a list of FA Cup winners.

Unfortunately, the 1939/40 edition, which included the boast of being the biggest ever, was to be the last for seven years due to the War, but what a way to go out. 130 pages packed with information, photographs galore (including one of the club's janitor Arthur Bacon), full results in the FA Cup, Cup Final attendances and league tables. The player profiles were even more comprehensive and, in all, the publication would not look out of place today.

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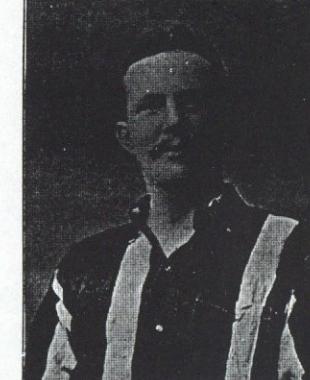
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The speedy outside left, has had an eventful career. He was born at New Brompton on September 27th, 1871. Showing promising form as a junior, he was asked to play for Chatham, and there attracted so much notice that Derby County were glad to secure his services. This was in 1891. He remained with the County two seasons, and then joined Luton Swifts. After one season with them, he was induced to sign on for Luton, for whom he played his first match on September 2nd, 1893. He is very fast and has a wonderfully taking style. His height is 5ft. 9in. and weight 12 st.

### Did you know?

The first time the Town and Crystal Palace met in the league was in 1920/21, following the formation of Division Three.

In those days, games against the same opposition were played on alternate Saturdays, the first match taking place at Kenilworth Road on November 6, 1920, with return on the 13th.

The game at Selhurst Park finished in a 2-1 defeat for the Town, with the first clash finishing level at 2-2.

### It happened five years ago

7/3/87 – In losing 2-0 at Liverpool, the Town suffered their first league defeat since Boxing Day. An injury suffered by skipper Steve Foster in this match kept him out for the rest of the season.

### It happened ten years ago

6/3/82 – A dull 0-0 draw at Grimsby consolidated the Town's position at the top of Division Two.

### It happened 15 years ago

8/3/77 – A late goal from on-loan striker David Geddis secured the points in a 1-0 home win over Oldham. This was the Town's ninth straight win, pushing the team up to fourth position in Division Two.

### It happened 20 years ago

4/3/72 – In the tamest local derby for years, a crowd of 10,816 watched an inept display by the Town and Watford who drew 0-0.

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Barclays Football League  
Division One

Wednesday, March 11, 1992

Kick-off 7.45 pm

## TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

**L**eague-wise, the season so far has been very disappointing for Tottenham Hotspur. Currently placed 13th in Division One with 35 points, their poor home form is largely responsible for their lowly position.

Surprisingly, Spurs have lost eight league games at White Hart Lane this season, the latest being a 1-0 defeat by today's opponents Crystal Palace last month. Other defeats have come against Chelsea (1-3), Manchester United (1-2), Manchester City (0-1), Sheffield United (0-1), Liverpool (1-2), Nottingham Forest (1-2), Southampton (1-2).

But like many sides who tend to have individual flair players and who like to play good football, Tottenham's cup form has again been very good this term.

Last season Tottenham won the F.A. Cup for a record eighth time against Nottingham Forest. Goals from Paul Stewart and Des Walker (o.g.) secured a Tottenham victory which put them on an equal footing

with rivals Arsenal who, only weeks earlier, had won the league championship.

Although they were knocked out of the FA Cup in round three against Aston Villa this year, Tottenham, under the guidance of former boss Peter Shreeves this season, have reached the semi-final of the Rumbelows League Cup. Disposing of Swansea City, Grimsby Town, Coventry and Norwich City along the way, they again came up against Nottingham Forest in the semi-final. The first leg ended 1-1 at Nottingham, and the game was set for a pulsating second leg. Tottenham's home performance went to form as Forest won a thrilling game 2-1, with goals from former on-loan Town striker Lee Glover and Roy Keane.

The 'glory, glory' nights have also returned to White Hart Lane this season, with Spurs having a very good chance of following in Manchester United's footsteps and reaching the European Cup Winners' Cup final.

After disposing of Sparkasse Stockerau (2-0 on agg), Hajduk Split (2-1 on agg) and Portuguese giants

F.C. Porto (3-1 on agg), they were due to face Dutch side Feyenoord in the third round, first leg earlier in the week.

With possibly another UEFA Cup place available next season if both Tottenham and Liverpool reach their respective finals, the whole country will be rooting for the 'cup specialists' to reach their final in May.

Much of Tottenham's excellent cup form this season can be put down to the fine performances of their England trio Gary Mabbutt, Paul Stewart and Gary Lineker. All three form the backbone to the side and arguably have had their best season for Tottenham. Lineker is currently the First Division's leading scorer while Mabbutt and Stewart have recently made appearances for the full England team.

With Tottenham's minds firmly fixed on their cup exploits, the emphasis will be firmly on the Town to collect all three points. Come to Kenilworth Road on March 11 to see good football and hopefully the Town revenge the 4-1 defeat at White Hart Lane earlier in the season.



Mark Pembridge shots wide against Tottenham Hotspur at home last season.

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Richard Harvey (above) and Julian James (below) are pictured in action at Elland Road last weekend.



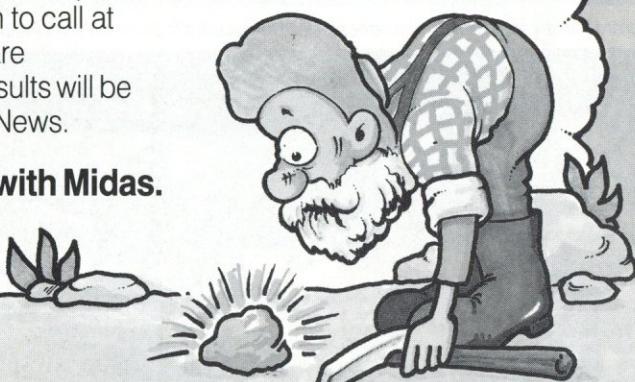
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# Guest spot

By Roy Bentley



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## 50 years a sports journalist

**T**he programme editor asked me to write this 'Will Luton stay up' piece. I think he has chosen the wrong man. For five years in the early eighties I wrote football pools selections for The Sun.

The circulation of the paper was over four million, but I never heard one of the estimated 12 million readers ever winning a single penny from my match forecasts. I certainly won nowt!

So don't look here for an expert, well thought out prediction on whether the hard-up Hatters are going to save themselves. No good at soccer forecasting I maybe, but I've been lucky with my love affairs in the past. (And one or two of them have been mighty beautiful women!)

So let the heart rule. And my heart will have double beat in the frantic weeks ahead as Luton (and Kinnock) head for a premier future.

Heart? Trevor Peake and Co have it (and the bottle) for the survival fight. And David

## 60 years a Luton Town lover

Pleat, though he desperately needs to strengthen one or two positions, has the team playing a neat passing style.

Probably their best displays of attractive football have been in away games at Tottenham, Sheffield Wednesday and Leeds - without a point to show for their efforts.

What do you supporters think? If their is ONE thing you believe David Pleat could do to send us into the Premier League next season, I would like to hear from you. Don't suggest buying a million pound plus player. That's not on.

Confine your suggestions to 30 words and send it, with your name and address, to me at 57 High Street, Wheathampstead, Herts, AL4 8DA.

For the most sensible and practical observation there is a small prize. As an

O.A.P. I cannot go to cash, but I offer a treasured possession - my Luton Town tie. It is 1959 vintage and has been round my neck just four times on Hatters' Wembley visits. So it's almost mint condition.

Warning: if Luton do drop down, this neck tie must not be used to hang yourself.

Better to keep your humour like manager David Pleat at Elland Road last Saturday. When told by a pressman that Luton needed more punch, he replied "Punch? We cannot even afford to buy Judy."

Come to think of it, I remember once dating a girl called Judy. She didn't come cheap either!

*The views expressed here are of the writer and do not necessarily reflect those of Luton Town F.C.*

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

**Feb 22** – The Town record their seventh home win of the season following a 2-1 win against Sheffield United. Brian Stein scores his first goal of the season, Mick Harford nets the second.....Manchester United are now clear favourites to win the title following a 2-0 win against today's opponents Crystal Palace. Mark Hughes earns a booking which means he will miss the first leg of the Rumbelows Cup against Middlesbrough.

**Feb 23** – The new C.I.S. team beat the new 'European' nation Israel, 2-1 in Jerusalem....Swedish club IFK Gothenburg, including several of Sweden's squad members, beat Leeds 1-0 in a pre-season friendly.....Marseille's lead at the top of the French League is cut to just two points following a 2-1 defeat at Lens....nearest rivals Monaco win 1-0 at Nimes....In Italy, AC Milan's unbeaten run continues with a 0-0 draw at Fiorentina. They are four points clear of Juventus who beat Atalanta 2-1.

**Feb 24** – Aston Villa sign Australian goalkeeper Mark Bosnich, while Les Sealey

is fined £2,000 and banned for four matches by the FA for arguing to strongly with referee in the game with Sheffield Wednesday.....Veteran Scottish striker Steve Archibald joins Ayr United on loan.....Former Hatter Mike Newell is ruled out for the rest of the season after suffering a severely gashed shin in an earlier match with Newcastle United.

**Feb 25** – The Town draw the twice-postponed match with Crystal Palace 1-1. Mark Pembroke scores the Town goal from the penalty spot....Derby signed Paul Simpson from debt-ridden Oxford United for £500,000.....Andy Gray joins Tottenham Hotspur on loan from Crystal Palace.....Jim Carstairs joins Stockport County from Cambridge for a minimal fee.

**Feb 26** – In the FA Cup fifth round replays, Liverpool beat Ipswich 3-2 after extra-time, Southampton go through to the next round after defeating Bolton by the same score, Portsmouth win 4-2 at Middlesbrough and

Sunderland beat West Ham at Upton Park 3-2....Tony Agana joins Leeds United from Notts County on loan, while United defender John McClelland goes in the opposite direction.

**Feb 29** – The Town lose 2-0 at high-flying Leeds United. Steve Sutton plays his last match on loan at the club.....Leeds close the gap on their Manchester rivals at the top after the Red Devils draw 0-0 at lowly Coventry.....In Scotland, Rangers pull clear at the top of the Premier League following a 5-0 thrashing of Airdrie....Their nearest rivals Hearts lose 2-0 at home to Celtic.

**Feb 30** – A bomb found at White Hart Lane station and further alerts lead to Tottenham's Rumbelows Cup semi-final, second leg being delayed for 90 minutes. When the game does get under way, goals from Lee Glover and Roy Keane ensure a 2-1 victory for Forest and their second visit to Wembley this year....Peter Shilton is appointed manager of Second Division strugglers Plymouth Argyle.

# Reserves and youth

By Terry Westley and John Moore



## Neville Ovenden Football Combination 1991-92

|              |                               |     |
|--------------|-------------------------------|-----|
| Tues 20 Aug  | Charlton Athletic             | 2-1 |
| Wed 28 Aug   | Ipswich Town                  | 0-3 |
| Mon 2 Sept   | Arsenal                       | 0-1 |
| Mon 9 Sept   | Charlton Athletic             | 1-0 |
| Fri 20 Sept  | Norwich City                  | 0-1 |
| Mon 23 Sept  | Millwall                      | 0-1 |
| Tues 1 Oct   | West Ham United               | 1-0 |
| Mon 7 Oct    | Oxford United                 | 2-2 |
| Sat 12 Oct   | Tottenham Hotspur             | 3-3 |
| Mon 14 Oct   | Norwich City                  | 2-1 |
| Sat 19 Oct   | Arsenal                       | 1-0 |
| Mon 21 Oct   | Millwall                      | 2-2 |
| Fri 25 Oct   | Leighton Town                 | 1-0 |
|              | (Beds Prem<br>Floodlight Cup) |     |
| 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                       | 7-1 |
| Wed 12 Feb   | Oxford United                 | 0-1 |
| Wed 19 Feb   | Swindon Town                  | 1-1 |
| Tues 25 Feb  | Queens Park Rangers           | 3-1 |
| Mon 2 Mar    | Crystal Palace                | 0-0 |
| 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        |     |

## NÉVILLE OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1991-92

|                        | Goals     |           |          |          |           |           |           |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                        | P         | W         | D        | L        | F         | A         | Pts       |
| Q.P.R.                 | 28        | 18        | 2        | 8        | 57        | 32        | 56        |
| Arsenal                | 29        | 15        | 6        | 7        | 59        | 39        | 54        |
| Southampton            | 23        | 16        | 5        | 2        | 47        | 16        | 53        |
| Chelsea                | 26        | 15        | 6        | 5        | 55        | 26        | 51        |
| Crystal Palace         | 27        | 14        | 7        | 6        | 47        | 31        | 49        |
| Portsmouth             | 30        | 14        | 2        | 14       | 57        | 63        | 44        |
| <b>LUTON TOWN</b>      | <b>27</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>39</b> | <b>34</b> | <b>42</b> |
| Norwich City           | 23        | 13        | 2        | 8        | 47        | 25        | 41        |
| Wimbledon              | 27        | 11        | 6        | 10       | 41        | 31        | 39        |
| Swindon Town           | 24        | 11        | 4        | 9        | 40        | 38        | 37        |
| Fulham                 | 26        | 10        | 6        | 11       | 42        | 38        | 36        |
| Ipswich Town           | 27        | 8         | 7        | 12       | 44        | 54        | 31        |
| Millwall               | 26        | 8         | 7        | 11       | 45        | 56        | 31        |
| Oxford United          | 26        | 9         | 2        | 15       | 41        | 59        | 29        |
| Watford                | 25        | 9         | 1        | 15       | 36        | 48        | 28        |
| West Ham United        | 27        | 7         | 6        | 14       | 38        | 53        | 27        |
| Charlton Athletic      | 24        | 7         | 5        | 12       | 32        | 41        | 26        |
| Brighton & Hove Albion | 26        | 5         | 4        | 17       | 34        | 57        | 19        |
| Reading                | 26        | 4         | 2        | 20       | 36        | 90        | 14        |

## RESERVES - APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

| Football Combination | Bedfordshire Premier Cup |       | Football Combination | Bedfordshire Premier Cup |       |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------|
|                      | App                      | Goals |                      | App                      | Goals |
| Allpress             | 20(1)                    | -     | McDonough            | 8                        | -     |
| Beaumont             | 2                        | -     | Murray               | 5(4)                     | -     |
| Brittain             | 1                        | -     | Newman               | (1)                      | 1     |
| Campbell             | 21(3)                    | 1     | Nogan                | 15                       | 9     |
| Chamberlain          | 4                        | -     | North                | 1                        | 1     |
| Dreyer               | 2                        | -     | Oakes                | 7(1)                     | 2     |
| Elliott              | (1)                      | 2     | O'Brien              | 4                        | -     |
| Farrell              | 8(4)                     | 4     | Petterson            | 16                       | -     |
| Gillard              | 10(1)                    | -     | Preece               | 5                        | -     |
| Goodfellow           | (1)                      | -     | Rees                 | 24                       | 7     |
| Gormley              | 4(6)                     | 1     | Rodger               | 5                        | -     |
| Gray                 | 1                        | 1     | Rogers               | (2)                      | 2     |
| Greene               | 4(2)                     | -     | Salton               | 21                       | -     |
| Glover               | 1                        | -     | Shanley              | 9(1)                     | -     |
| Harvey               | 6                        | -     | Skelton              | 5(4)                     | 1     |
| Holsgrove            | 12(1)                    | 1     | Smith                | 1(2)                     | -     |
| Holtam               | 4(7)                     | -     | Sommer               | 7                        | -     |
| Howard               | 1                        | -     | Stein                | 4                        | 3     |
| Hughes               | 11                       | 2     | Sutton               | 1(1)                     | -     |
| Jackson              | 2                        | -     | Telfer               | 4                        | -     |
| James                | 5(1)                     | -     | Thompson             | 1                        | -     |
| Johnson              | 3                        | -     | Tighe                | 2(3)                     | -     |
| Linton               | 8                        | 1     | Williams             | 23(2)                    | 5     |

## Match Digest

Fixture: Reading v Luton Town

Venue: Reading

Date: 10.2.92

Competition: Neville Ovenden Football Combination

Result: 7-1

Scorers: Stein (3), Nogan, Rees, Williams, Allpress

Team: Chamberlain, Linton, Gillard, Salton, Allpress, McDonough, Williams, Stein, Nogan, O'Brien, Rees. Subs: Holtam, Skelton.

Coach's comment: The final result tells you we have applied ourselves to the job despite the opposition. It is not always easy to play against teams you should beat, but our attitude was excellent.

## Match Digest

Fixture: Queens Park Rangers v Luton Town

Venue: Queens Park Rangers

Date: 26-2-92

Competition: Neville Ovenden Football Combination

Result: 1-3

Scorers: Campbell (2), Nogan

Team: Chamberlain, Linton, Johnson, O'Brien, Allpress, Salton, Hughes, Campbell, Nogan, Rees, Williams. Subs: Holtam, Murray.

Coach's comment: A very good team performance, if the opposition had won they would have returned to the top of the league. We contained well, took our chances and missed a penalty which could have set up a more emphatic result.

## Match Digest

Fixture: Brentford v Luton Town

Venue: Brentford

Date: 8.2.92

Competition: South East Counties League

Result: 3-2

Scorers: Sutton (3)

Team: Hancock, Holtam, Skelton, Greene, Philip, Elliott, Sutton, Rogers, Hartson, Newman. Subs: Smith, Brittain.

Coach's comment: This was a first-class performance by all members in a tough match. All players stayed with the game and Robert Sutton scored a fine hat-trick. Well done boys!

## Youth Team on the rise

The Luton Town South-East Counties side have continued their fine form in recent weeks and are now looking towards a 'championship' finish. They are unbeaten in the league since early December and recently beat leaders Brentford 3-2 away from home.

We congratulate Terry Westley and the boys on their fine season and hope many of them progress to the reserve side next season.

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIVISION TWO SEASON 1991-92

|                        | P         | W         | D        | L        | F         | A         | Goals     | Pts |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----|
| Crystal Palace         | 21        | 15        | 3        | 3        | 60        | 18        | 33        |     |
| Wimbledon              | 21        | 14        | 3        | 4        | 66        | 16        | 31        |     |
| Brentford              | 22        | 13        | 4        | 5        | 44        | 25        | 30        |     |
| Oxford United          | 21        | 13        | 2        | 6        | 51        | 27        | 28        |     |
| <b>LUTON TOWN</b>      | <b>21</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>43</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>28</b> |     |
| Brighton & Hove Albion | 22        | 11        | 4        | 7        | 47        | 31        | 26        |     |
| Southampton            | 20        | 9         | 7        | 4        | 28        | 23        | 25        |     |
| Bristol City           | 19        | 19        | 2        | 7        | 32        | 25        | 22        |     |
| Tottenham Hotspur      | 24        | 9         | 2        | 13       | 35        | 55        | 20        |     |
| Swindon Town           | 23        | 7         | 3        | 13       | 26        | 46        | 17        |     |
| Bristol Rovers         | 22        | 7         | 2        | 13       | 41        | 75        | 16        |     |
| Reading                | 21        | 6         | 3        | 12       | 37        | 55        | 15        |     |
| Bournemouth            | 24        | 4         | 3        | 17       | 28        | 46        | 11        |     |
| Maidstone United       | 22        | 5         | 1        | 15       | 28        | 52        | 11        |     |
| Aldershot              | 22        | 3         | 5        | 14       | 28        | 70        | 11        |     |

## 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)    | -        | -         | -            |
| Brookes    | -       | -        | -         | -            |
| Campbell   | 1(1)    | -        | -         | -            |
| Draper     | 2(5)    | -        | (1)       | -            |
| Elliott    | 17      | 3        | 1         | 4            |
| Fleet      | 1       | -        | -         | -            |
| Gibb       | 1(1)    | -        | -         | -            |
| Goodfellow | 8(3)    | 3        | 2         | 1            |
| Greene     | 20      | 3        | 3         | 1            |
| Hancock    | 20      | -        | 2         | 1            |
| Hartson    | 11(4)   | 7        | 1(1)      | 1            |
| Holtam     | 17      | 3        | 3         | 1            |
| McDonagh   | 7(2)    | 4        | 3         | 2            |
| Murray     | 14      | 1        | 3         | 1            |
| Newman     | 14(3)   | 4        | (1)       | (1)          |
| Philip     | 20      | -        | 3         | 1            |
| Rogers     | 17(2)   | 4        | 3         | 1            |
| Ryan       | 17      | 3        | 3         | 1            |
| Simpson    | 2(1)    | -        | -         | -            |
| Skelton    | 16(3)   | 1        | 3         | 4            |
| Smith      | 4(7)    | -        | -         | (1)          |
| Sutton     | 11(5)   | 6        | (1)       | (1)          |
| Watkins    | 1       | -        | -         | -            |
| Woolgar    | 3(1)    | 2        | -         | -            |

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# Facts and fixtures



## BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

4th March, 1992

| P  | W  | D | L | F  | A  | Home |     | Away                |       | W | D | L  | F  | A  | GD  | Pts |
|----|----|---|---|----|----|------|-----|---------------------|-------|---|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
|    |    |   |   |    |    | W    | D   | L                   | F     |   |   |    |    |    |     |     |
| 30 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 28 | 9  | —    | 1.  | Manchester United   | ..... | 7 | 6 | 1  | 23 | 13 | +29 | 62  |
| 31 | 9  | 7 | 0 | 27 | 12 | —    | 2.  | Leeds United        | ..... | 7 | 6 | 2  | 28 | 12 | +31 | 61  |
| 31 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 24 | 13 | —    | 3.  | Manchester City     | ..... | 5 | 5 | 5  | 21 | 22 | +10 | 53  |
| 30 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 32 | 20 | —    | 4.  | Sheffield Wednesday | ..... | 5 | 5 | 5  | 17 | 21 | +8  | 53  |
| 30 | 9  | 4 | 2 | 23 | 13 | —    | 5.  | Liverpool           | ..... | 3 | 9 | 3  | 12 | 14 | +8  | 49  |
| 30 | 8  | 5 | 2 | 32 | 15 | —    | 6.  | Arsenal             | ..... | 3 | 6 | 6  | 19 | 20 | +16 | 44  |
| 31 | 9  | 2 | 4 | 23 | 13 | —    | 7.  | Aston Villa         | ..... | 3 | 4 | 9  | 12 | 22 | —   | 42  |
| 32 | 5  | 7 | 4 | 25 | 24 | —    | 8.  | Chelsea             | ..... | 5 | 5 | 6  | 16 | 22 | -5  | 42  |
| 31 | 5  | 5 | 6 | 20 | 24 | —    | 9.  | Crystal Palace      | ..... | 5 | 6 | 4  | 22 | 27 | -9  | 41  |
| 30 | 6  | 7 | 2 | 22 | 11 | —    | 10. | Everton             | ..... | 4 | 3 | 8  | 17 | 23 | +5  | 40  |
| 30 | 7  | 5 | 3 | 22 | 16 | —    | 11. | Norwich City        | ..... | 3 | 5 | 7  | 18 | 25 | -1  | 40  |
| 30 | 7  | 4 | 4 | 23 | 16 | —    | 12. | Wimbledon           | ..... | 2 | 7 | 6  | 13 | 20 | —   | 38  |
| 31 | 7  | 5 | 4 | 31 | 27 | —    | 13. | Oldham Athletic     | ..... | 3 | 2 | 10 | 14 | 23 | -5  | 37  |
| 31 | 2  | 9 | 4 | 13 | 17 | —    | 14. | Q.P.R.              | ..... | 5 | 6 | 5  | 17 | 19 | -6  | 36  |
| 28 | 6  | 5 | 3 | 27 | 23 | —    | 15. | Nottingham Forest   | ..... | 3 | 3 | 8  | 15 | 19 | —   | 35  |
| 28 | 4  | 2 | 8 | 17 | 17 | —    | 16. | Tottenham Hotspur   | ..... | 6 | 3 | 3  | 5  | 19 | —   | 35  |
| 29 | 5  | 4 | 5 | 16 | 10 | —    | 17. | Coventry City       | ..... | 4 | 3 | 8  | 12 | 19 | -1  | 34  |
| 30 | 6  | 5 | 4 | 19 | 17 | —    | 18. | Sheffield United    | ..... | 3 | 2 | 10 | 25 | 33 | -6  | 34  |
| 29 | 5  | 3 | 6 | 18 | 20 | —    | 19. | Notts County        | ..... | 2 | 5 | 8  | 12 | 20 | -10 | 29  |
| 31 | 7  | 4 | 4 | 17 | 13 | —    | 20. | LUTON TOWN          | ..... | 0 | 4 | 12 | 8  | 42 | -30 | 29  |
| 30 | 3  | 5 | 7 | 11 | 24 | —    | 21. | Southampton         | ..... | 3 | 5 | 7  | 17 | 21 | -17 | 28  |
| 29 | 3  | 5 | 6 | 12 | 17 | —    | 22. | West Ham United     | ..... | 3 | 4 | 8  | 14 | 26 | -17 | 27  |

## APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS 1991-92

| Player           | League |       | Rmlws |       | Cup  |       | ZD Cup |       | FA Cup |       |
|------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
|                  | Apps   | Goals | Apps  | Goals | Apps | Goals | Apps   | Goals | Apps   | Goals |
| Tim Allpress     | —      | —     | —     | —     | —    | —     | —      | —     | —      | —     |
| David Beaumont   | 6(3)   | —     | 2     | —     | 1    | —     | —      | —     | —      | —     |
| Kingsley Black   | 4      | —     | —     | —     | —    | —     | —      | —     | —      | —     |
| Jamie Campbell   | 2(6)   | —     | —     | —     | (1)  | —     | —      | —     | (1)    | —     |
| Alec Chamberlain | 17     | —     | 2     | —     | 1    | —     | —      | —     | 1      | —     |
| John Dreyer      | 31     | 2     | 2     | 2     | —    | —     | —      | —     | 1      | —     |
| Sean Farrell     | 3(1)   | —     | —     | —     | —    | —     | —      | —     | —      | —     |
| Lee Glover       | 1      | —     | —     | —     | —    | —     | —      | —     | —      | —     |
| Philip Gray      | 9(2)   | 3     | 2     | 3     | —    | —     | —      | —     | —      | —     |
| Mick Harford     | 20     | 9     | 1     | —     | 1    | —     | —      | —     | —      | —     |
| Richard Harvey   | 22(1)  | 2     | 1     | —     | —    | —     | —      | —     | 1      | —     |
| Paul Holsgrave   | 1(1)   | —     | —     | —     | —    | —     | —      | —     | —      | —     |
| Ceri Hughes      | 5(6)   | —     | —     | —     | 1    | —     | —      | —     | —      | —     |
| Matthew Jackson  | 7(2)   | —     | 2     | —     | —    | —     | —      | —     | —      | —     |
| Julian James     | 17(3)  | —     | —     | —     | 1    | —     | —      | 1     | —      | —     |
| Chris Kamara     | 17     | —     | —     | —     | —    | —     | —      | —     | —      | —     |
| Desmond Linton   | 2(1)   | —     | —     | —     | —    | —     | —      | —     | —      | —     |
| Darron McDonough | 9      | —     | —     | —     | —    | —     | —      | —     | —      | —     |
| Kurt Negan       | 6(9)   | 1     | —     | (2)   | 1    | 1     | —      | —     | —      | —     |
| Scott Oakes      | 10(6)  | 1     | —     | —     | —    | —     | —      | —     | 1      | —     |
| Trevor Peake     | 27     | —     | 1     | —     | —    | —     | —      | —     | 1      | —     |
| Mark Pembroke    | 31     | 2     | 2     | —     | 1    | —     | —      | —     | 1      | —     |
| David Preece     | 23(4)  | 1     | 2     | —     | —    | —     | —      | —     | 1      | —     |
| Jason Rees       | 1      | —     | —     | —     | (1)  | —     | —      | —     | —      | —     |
| Graham Rodger    | 11(1)  | —     | 1     | —     | 1    | —     | —      | —     | —      | —     |
| Darren Salton    | (4)    | —     | (1)   | —     | —    | 1     | —      | —     | —      | —     |
| Brian Stein      | 23(5)  | 1     | 1     | 1(1)  | —    | —     | —      | —     | 1      | —     |
| Steve Sutton     | 14     | —     | —     | —     | —    | —     | —      | —     | —      | —     |
| Paul Telfer      | 17(3)  | 1     | 2     | —     | 1    | 1     | —      | 1     | —      | —     |
| Steve Thompson   | 5      | —     | 2     | —     | —    | —     | —      | —     | —      | —     |
| Martin Williams  | —      | —     | —     | —     | 1    | —     | —      | —     | —      | —     |

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| Luton Town | F-A                       | Att  | Pos    | 1  | 2           | 3                   | 4                   | 5                  | 6        | 7        | 8                    | 9                    | 10                   | 11        | 12          | 14         |          |
|------------|---------------------------|------|--------|----|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------|----------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|----------|
| Aug 17     | West Ham United           | 0-0  | 25,079 | —  | Chamberlain | Beaumont            | Harvey              | McDonough          | Rodger   | Dreyer   | (Farrell)            | Preece               | Stein                | Pembridge | Black       | [Gray]     |          |
| Aug 21     | Coventry City             | 0-0  | 10,084 | —  | Chamberlain | Beaumont            | Harvey              | McDonough          | Rodger   | Dreyer   | (Farrell)            | Preece               | (Stein)              | Pembridge | Black       | [Gray]     |          |
| Aug 24     | Liverpool                 | 0-0  | 11,132 | 19 | Chamberlain | Beaumont            | Harvey              | McDonough          | Rodger   | Dreyer   | Gray                 | Preece               | Stein                | Pembridge | Black       | Jackson    |          |
| Aug 27     | Arsenal                   | 0-2  | 25,898 | 22 | Chamberlain | (Beaumont)          | Dreyer              | (McDonough)        | Rodger   | Peake    | Gray                 | Preece               | Stein                | Pembridge | Black       | [Farrell]  |          |
| Aug 31     | Chelsea                   | 1-4  | 17,457 | 22 | Chamberlain | (Beaumont)          | Dreyer              | McDonough          | Rodger   | Peake    | GRAY <sup>1</sup>    | Preece               | Stein                | Pembridge | (Farrell)   | [Nogan]    |          |
| Sept 4     | Southampton               | 2-1  | 8,055  | 19 | Chamberlain | (Jackson)           | HARVEY <sup>1</sup> | McDonough          | Dreyer   | Peake    | GRAY <sup>1</sup>    | Preece               | (Glover)             | Pembridge | Stein       | [Beaumont] |          |
| Sept 7     | Wimbledon                 | 0-3  | 3,231  | 20 | Chamberlain | Jackson             | (Harvey)            | McDonough          | Dreyer   | Peake    | Gray                 | Preece               | Nogan                | Pembridge | (Holsgrave) | [Telfer]   |          |
| Sept 14    | Oldham Athletic           | 2-1  | 9,005  | 17 | Chamberlain | Jackson             | Dreyer              | (McDonough)        | Rodger   | Peake    | Preece               | (Stein)              | Harford              | Pembridge | (Telfer)    | [Nogan]    |          |
| Sept 17    | Queens Park Rangers       | 0-1  | 9,085  | 20 | Chamberlain | Jackson             | Dreyer              | McDonough          | Rodger   | Peake    | Preece               | (Stein)              | Harford              | Pembridge | (Telfer)    | [Nogan]    |          |
| Sept 21    | Manchester United         | 0-5  | 46,491 | 21 | Chamberlain | Jackson             | Dreyer              | Telfer             | Rodger   | Peake    | Preece               | Stein                | Harford              | Pembridge | Thompson    | Beaumont   |          |
| Sept 25    | Birmingham City (RLC2-1)  | 2-2  | 6,315  | 21 | Chamberlain | Jackson             | Dreyer              | Telfer             | Rodger   | Beaumont | Preece               | (Stein)              | (GRAY) <sup>1</sup>  | Pembridge | Thompson    | [Salton]   |          |
| Sept 28    | Notts County              | 1-1  | 7,629  | 20 | Chamberlain | Jackson             | Dreyer              | (Telfer)           | Rodger   | Beaumont | Preece               | (GRAY) <sup>1</sup>  | (Harford)            | Pembridge | Nogan       | [Hughes]   |          |
| Oct 5      | Aston Villa               | 0-4  | 18,722 | 21 | Chamberlain | Jackson             | Dreyer              | Thompson           | Rodger   | Peake    | Telfer               | Gray                 | Nogan                | Pembridge | (Hughes)    | [Stein]    |          |
| Oct 8      | Birmingham City (RLC2-2)  | 2-3  | 13,252 | 21 | Chamberlain | Jackson             | Harvey              | (Thompson)         | Beaumont | Peake    | Telfer               | (GRAY) <sup>2</sup>  | (Harford)            | Pembridge | Preece      | [Nogan]    |          |
| Oct 19     | Sheffield Wednesday       | 2-2  | 9,401  | 21 | Chamberlain | James               | (Harvey)            | NOGAN <sup>1</sup> | Dreyer   | Peake    | Telfer               | Gray                 | HARFORD <sup>1</sup> | Pembridge | (Preece)    | [Stein]    |          |
| Oct 22     | Ipswich Town (Z.D.S. Cup) | 1-1* | 7,750  | —  | Chamberlain | TELFER <sup>1</sup> | Allpress            | Hughes             | Salton   | Rodger   | (Williams)           | James                | (Harford)            | Nogan     | Pembridge   | [Rees]     |          |
| Oct 26     | Norwich City              | 0-1  | 10,514 | 21 | Chamberlain | Telfer              | Dreyer              | Hughes             | Peake    | (Rodger) | (Rees)               | James                | Nogan                | Pembridge | Oakes       | [Harvey]   |          |
| Nov 2      | Everton                   | 0-1  | 8,022  | 21 | Chamberlain | (James)             | Pembridge           | Kamara             | Dreyer   | Peake    | HARFORD <sup>1</sup> | Pembridge            | Oakes                | (Nogan)   | Pembridge   | [Stein]    |          |
| Nov 16     | Tottenham Hotspur         | 1-4  | 27,543 | 22 | Chamberlain | (Linton)            | Harvey              | Kamara             | Dreyer   | Peake    | Telfer               | HARFORD <sup>1</sup> | Pembridge            | Oakes     | James       | Pembridge  | [Nogan]  |
| Nov 23     | Manchester City           | 2-2  | 10,031 | 22 | Chamberlain | (Linton)            | Harvey              | Kamara             | Dreyer   | Peake    | Telfer               | HARFORD <sup>1</sup> | Pembridge            | Oakes     | James       | Pembridge  | [Preece] |
| Nov 30     | Sheffield United          | 1-1  | 21,804 | 22 | Sutton      |                     |                     |                    |          |          |                      |                      |                      |           |             |            |          |

# Business scene

By Wendy Grzybowska and Andy King



## LAST CHANCE FOR KIT SPONSORSHIP

Take advantage of the special opportunity to sponsor your favourite senior Town player. There are 24 individual kit sponsorships available for our 1991-92 first-team squad.

This special scheme has the advantage of being attractive to companies wishing to earn that little bit of value-added special publicity or for any loyal supporter wishing to sponsor his or her favourite player.

Included in this package is a chance to come along and meet the full first team squad at a special presentation dinner at the end of the season. Every sponsor will be presented with his or her sponsored player's shirt at this special event.

In addition to all this, the match day magazine will carry a full colour advertisement showing all the names of the kit sponsors alongside the names of the players. It is a great chance to join the club - and support it - in a very special way.

For more information and a chance to 'mark your man' contact Andy King in the Luton Town Commercial Office on (0582) 411622.



Mark Pembridge is pictured presenting a match ball to Scott Goodman, who won his prize in a recent contest.

## French flavour in the sponsors' lounge this afternoon

**T**here will be a distinctly French flavour in the air in our sponsors lounge this afternoon as we welcome a large group of schoolboy footballers from France and one of the south-east's major tyre distributors with very strong French connections.

Firstly, today, we give a warm welcome to our match ball sponsor Gary Oliver of WS Tyremasters, one of the major tyre distributors in southern England. We hope Gary and his guests enjoy the entertainment and hospitality at Kenilworth Road.

WS Tyremasters have grown impressively in the last decade. In 1981 they were appointed main agents for the French manufacturers Kleber and this afternoon they will be entertaining some of their clients from the south London area. We sincerely hope they all have a good day out.

As our picture on page 39 shows clearly, there are opportunities for everyone and anyone to enjoy a special day out in our Joe Payne sponsors lounge at Kenilworth Road. These lounges are not only available for commercial use, but can be hired out to individuals or families or parties seeking somewhere different to enjoy a special event.

As you can see, our managing director David Kohler dropped in to spend some time with the party of six who took advantage of the opportunity to take a day out in the sponsors lounge at the recent game against Sheffield United.

That idea will be given a different use this afternoon, of course, with the arrival in the lounge of 30 16-year-olds from France. They are in Luton at the invitation of Jim Kelly, the chairman of Celtic Youth FC, who has decided to bring them along to Kenilworth Road as part of a return gesture for the great hospitality he and his club received when they were in France.

The players all play for FC Camon, near Amiens in northern France. Camon is a big club with players ranging in age from six to 18 and also runs teams for women. Camon has also been the venue for a successful FIFA-backed youth tournament.

Celtic Youth, of course, play in the Chiltern Youth League in which they run seven different teams. The club was formed as an extension of the Celtic Supporters Club in the area.

Finally, we held our first Sportmans' Dinner this week at the club with Tommy Docherty, who signed me twice as a player (once for QPR and once for Wolves) as a guest speaker. Enjoy the game.

## THE PREMIER WEDDING VENUE

Take advantage of another great opportunity to support the club and enjoy the relaxing and comfortable surroundings of our club suites by using our facilities for weddings, private parties and special events during the summer.

Once the season is over, all the suites at the club will be available during the close season from May 1 until the first week of August - and that gives couples tying the knot a great chance to have a memorable celebration in special surroundings.

We can also cater, of course, for organised childrens' parties and other special events during this period in our excellent suites, which also offer an ideal weekday venue for conferences, exhibitions and seminars.

Combined with our first-class facilities which include parking for more than 200 cars and an expertise in taking care of clients' needs, we provide the perfect match for any business wishing to market themselves in a professional manner.

Whether it be a small meeting for 10 or a conference for 120 delegates, our skilled and experienced management team and staff will be delighted to tailor our facilities to suit your individual requirements.

Whatever the client wants, he or she need only ask and we will do our utmost to make sure satisfaction is supplied. So, next time, you are looking for a meeting room dial (0582) 411622 and ask for Peter Saul or Steve Bavister. We will be the first on the ball to offer you the finest service and facilities at a competitive price.

All round, we believe we offer an unrivalled package for business and private users. With all the added bonus of the unique atmosphere of a top-grade sporting environment in the stadium of a First Division football club.

All the suites are comfortable, the service and the environment are top-class and the opportunity to achieve the results you need is supplied in a style which always makes for happy memories.

## 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.



Our managing director David Kohler is pictured together with a private party which enjoyed the facilities of our sponsors lounge.

# Team check

VOUCHER NUMBER 17



Official kit sponsors



Official ball sponsors

## LUTON TOWN

Team Manager:  
David Pleat

White/blue shirts, blue shorts.

Mervyn Day  
Julian James  
Richard Harvey  
Chris Kamara  
John Dreyer  
Trevor Peake  
*SCOTT OAKES Ceri Hughes*  
Jamie Campbell  
Brian Stein  
Mark Pembridge  
David Preece

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## CRYSTAL PALACE

Team Manager:  
Steve Coppell

Yellow shirts, yellow shorts.

Nigel Martyn  
John Humphrey  
Richard Shore  
Simon Osborn  
Eric Young  
Andy Thorn  
Simon Rodger  
Gareth Southgate  
Mark Bright  
Chris Coleman  
Eddie McGoldrick

## The Men in Charge

Referee – D. Elleray (Harrow, Middlesex)

Linesmen: M.K. Bullivant (Red trim)

M.L. James (Yellow trim)

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