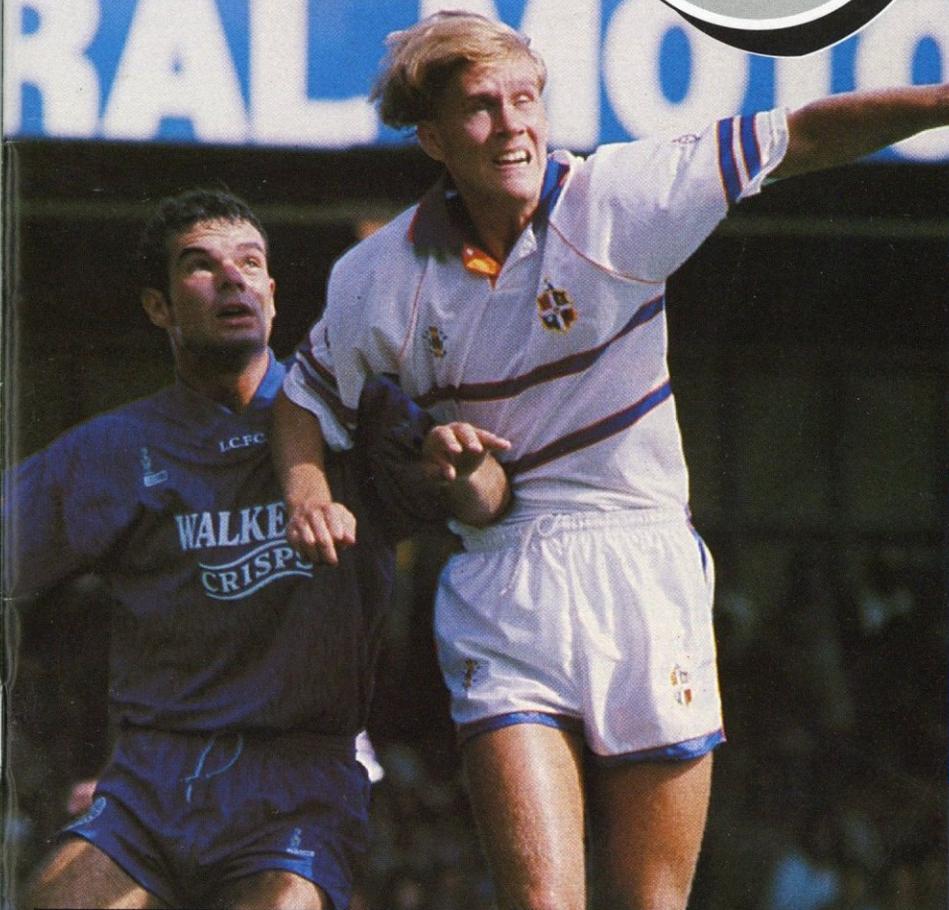


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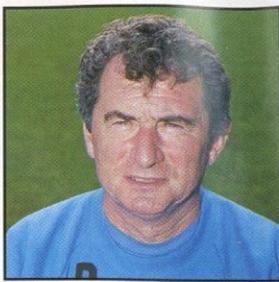


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We begin a new era full of hope



MANAGER'S VIEWPOINT BY DAVID PLEAT

Welcome to the start of a new era. It has been a difficult three months, not only adjusting our sights to a new league, but also having to cope with the remnants of the awful financial mess that accompanied our last few years in the top division.

We begin a new era full of hope and a belief that we can reproduce a young quality team that can forge relationships and team understanding that will be good enough to produce the future of this club.

I was pleasantly surprised and heartened by the numbers of our supporters who travelled to Leicester last Saturday. After that terrible disappointment at Notts County and the adverse publicity of our 'selling', I wondered if our loyal supporters would still be brave enough to support our team. I should not have been concerned whatever the intricacies behind the scenes; the club, the team and its supporters must retain the heart. In the current financial climate, it is far more important for many grade B clubs to retain their health. There are many small-looking clubs with balance sheets which will not survive an amount of 'jiggerie pokerie' with the league. It is my hope that the Premier League, despite their squabbling, do not forget their brothers remaining in the Football League.

It is a brand new season with everything to play for. At this club we have progressed several young players into the first-team spotlight. It is an opportunity that may not have presented itself for them at other clubs. Could young Mark Pembridge have envisaged that come the end of last season there would be a chase on for his signature? We wish him well at Derby and sadly too, we wish Mick Harford a happy swan-song at

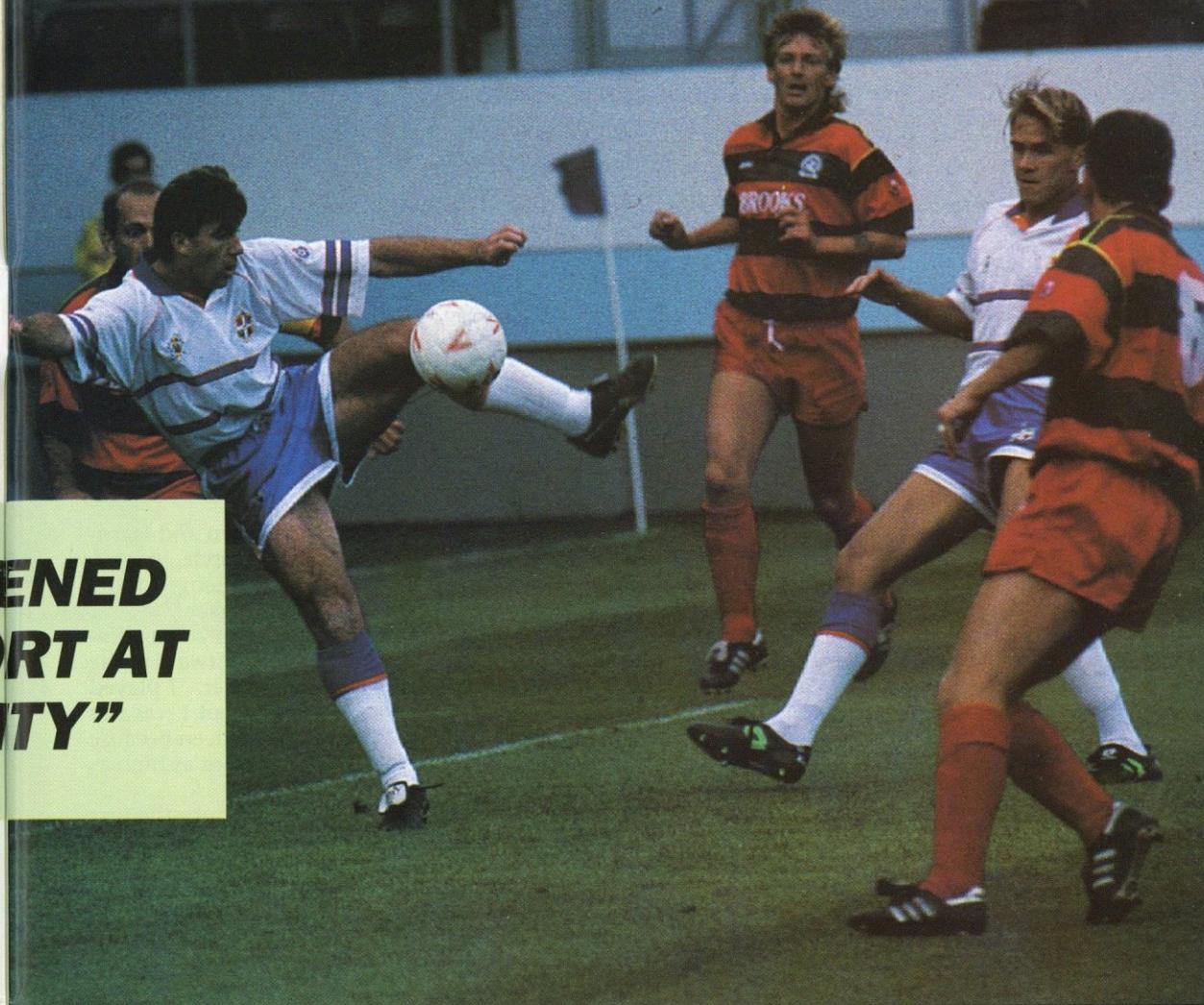
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Chelsea. It is to our credit that Chelsea now field three Luton old boys but we must fight like crazy to gain some stability so that Luton Town does not become too famous as a football warehouse. I feel we have done enough favours to other clubs over the years.

We welcome Bristol City today in our first season back in the old Second Division, although I shall have to keep reminding myself that it is the new Division One. We welcome their players, supporters and officials and look forward to renewing rivalry after many years in different leagues. I hope all our true supporters give a warm welcome to any new player in our ranks and encourage the younger element in their early games.

Last week at Leicester we introduced Steve Claridge, and Andy Petterson made his debut. Seven of our side were under 22 years of age. This one factor gives me encourage-

Phil Gray manages a shot at goal during our friendly with Queens Park Rangers, despite the close attention of Rangers' defender David Bardsley.



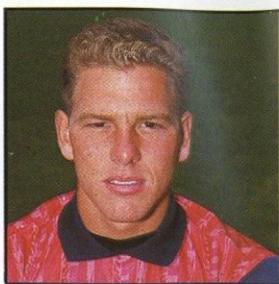
ment to pursue ambitions here. We must grow up quickly and understand that at times the football we are playing against will be tough and uncompromising. We had a taste of it at Leicester and we must come to terms with it quickly. If we can do this then I am confident that we can go forward together.

In the next programme I will attempt to give a more official welcome to Steve Claridge, Chris Brooks, Wayne Turner our new Assistant Coach, Les Shannon our Scouting Co-ordinator and our trialists Stephen Flain, Paul Wright and Tony Thorpe.

I hope that in the last programme notes of the season I can report that good progress has been made. We hope you enjoy a good game and thank you once again for staying loyal after the final disappointment we suffered last season.

Enjoy the game

Juergen's summer away at home



PLAYER INTERVIEW WITH JUERGEN SOMMER

Juergen Sommer, our up-and-coming American goalkeeper, has had a busy summer. Once last season had ended, the Town players took a break before re-joining their team-mates for pre-season training. Not Juergen - he decided to spend the early part of this summer working in his native America.

"I spent two weeks working in a soccer camp at Indiana University, so it was work which I enjoyed and which wasn't too strenuous," grinned Juergen.

"I used to study and play soccer at Indiana University, so for me it was like going home. Jerry Yeagley, who is in charge of all soccer teams there, runs four soccer camps for kids throughout the summer, and I was more than pleased to help out."

He continued: "Along with Ceri Hughes, I stayed for two weeks and helped the kids develop their skills and training techniques - but one of the main messages which we tried to get across was for the kids to enjoy themselves. Amazingly 620 children turned up each week which proved the popularity the game has in the States.

"After spending a whole season in England, I could transfer some of the knowledge that I had learned across to the youngsters, giving them some tips that they had never been show before.

"Soccer is now the biggest participant sport amongst American youngsters. Unlike American Football and basketball, anyone of any height and build can play. Soccer is also cheap. All you need is a ball, a little open space and you can begin..."

Now that he has spent a season in England

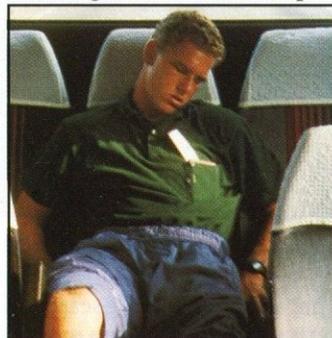
with Luton Town, settling down and learning to adapt to a whole new lifestyle, Juergen believes he is now ready to challenge for the Town's coveted number one jersey.

"Pre-season training went well, I felt comfortable and I am now looking forward to the new season," explained Sommer. "I played twice on the tour to Sweden, but I was not tested as much as I could have been because the quality of the Swedes was not as high as I had expected.

"I aim to break into the first team at some stage this season. I am learning all the time. Andy Petterson has been given his chance and hopefully he will do well. It is up to me to keep working at my game, play well, then hopefully I will be given my chance."

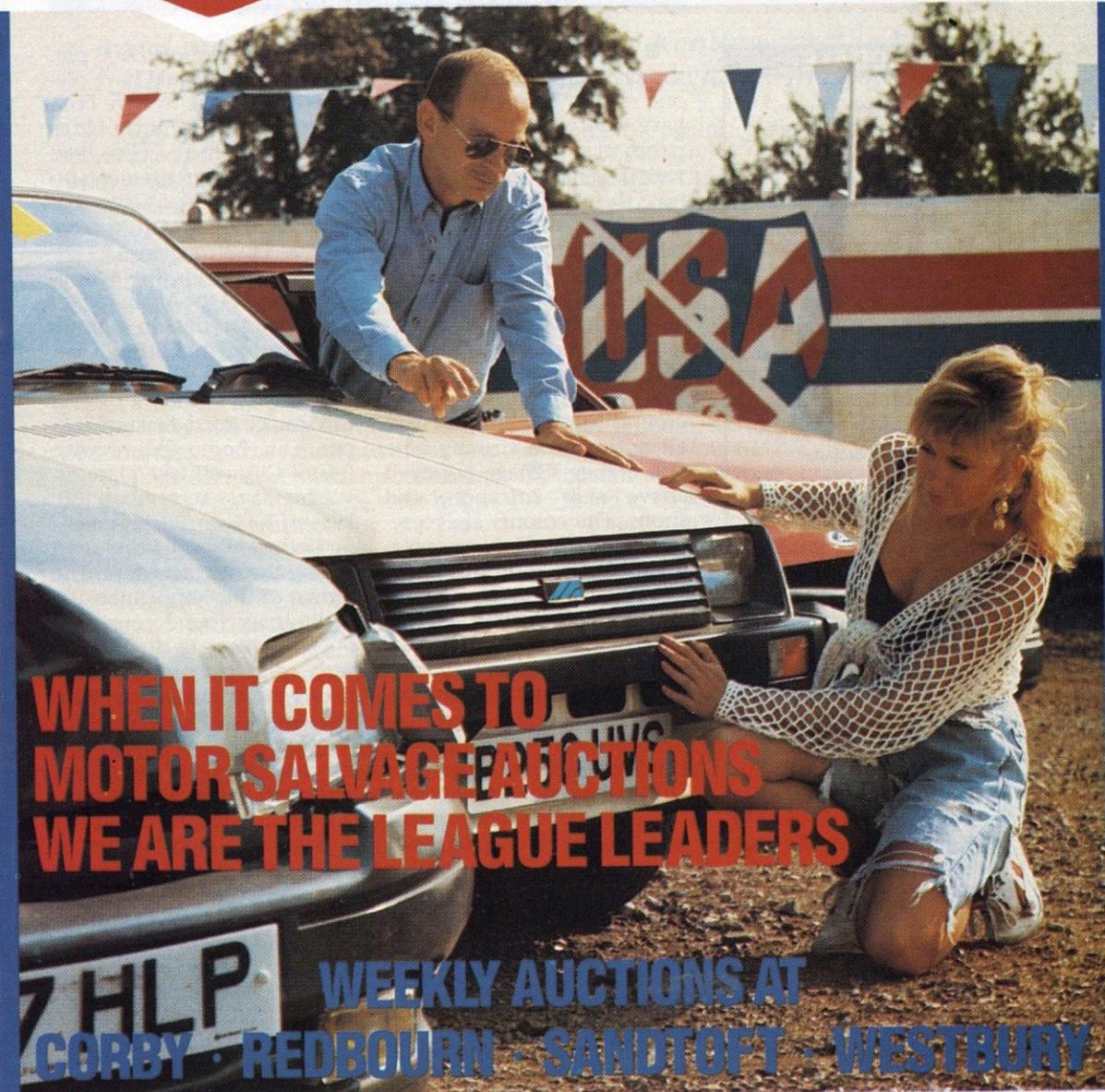
Last season, Juergen found his openings at Kenilworth Road limited, so he spent a loan spell at Second Division Brighton. "I learned such a lot playing League football," Juergen said. "There is no substitute for the real thing in front of big crowds, so if I am unable to break into the Town side this term, I will definitely be looking for another spell on loan."

Short term Juergen is hunting for that Luton jersey, but looking ahead he has another ambition to fulfill. "To make the USA side for the 1994 World Cup," he declared.



The long summer finally catches up with Juergen on the coach back from Sweden.

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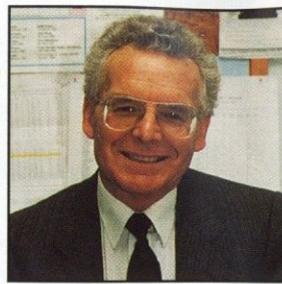
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Sales buoyant for the new season



ON THE INSIDE BY JOHN SMYLIE

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■ As you may have read in the national press, the Town are one of only a few clubs who have reduced admission prices rather than increase them this season. It has been pleasing to note, therefore, that we start the new season with season ticket sales reaching almost 3,000 despite the loss of Premier League football and the biting economic recession. The current sales compare favourably with the same stage last season.

■ As you approached the ground today, I am sure you all noticed the striking blue and orange signage portrayed above club entrances and shops. The colours are representative of the Club's new corporate image and can also be seen on the new home strip which the players will be wearing today.

■ It was originally planned that our away fixture with Brentford on Sunday, September 13 would be shown live on London Weekend Television. This will NOT now be the case as L.W.T. have decided against screening the fixture. The game, however, will still take place on

the Sunday, kick-off 12.00 pm. Obviously, we would have preferred the fixture to have been moved back to a Saturday, but as the Metropolitan Police had already made arrangements to police the fixture on September 13, they did not wish to accommodate a further change.

■ The draw for the preliminary round of the Anglo-Italian Cup has placed us in a group with Watford and Bristol City. Our first game is on Tuesday, September 15 when we travel to Vicarage Road. Kick-off 7-45 pm. Our home fixture with Bristol City will take place on Wednesday, September 30, kick-off 7-45 pm. Pricing details for both games will be released during the next few days. The format of the competition is a preliminary round consisting of eight groups of three teams with each club playing one fixture at home and one away. The winners of the eight groups progress to the first round proper where they will be drawn with eight Italian Serie B teams.

The 16 teams are then divided into two leagues of eight. Each English side within a group plays four Italian teams, with two games at home and two away. Once all games have been completed, the top English side from each group will play each other, as do the two Italian sides. We then have one English and one Italian team in the final which is due to take place at the end of March.

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Old habits have to be stamped out immediately



CAPTAIN'S LOG BY TREVOR PEAKE

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the start of our 1992-93 home campaign against Bristol City.

Last Saturday against Leicester we did not open our account in the way we would have liked, giving away a goal in the dying seconds. This appears to be something we have inherited from last season and which must be stamped out immediately.

The game itself was very even and we gave as good as we got. Leicester started the game stronger, but in the last twenty minutes I thought we were the better team. The quality of our game was good and we continued to play attractive football. I was led to believe that Leicester were one of the quality sides in Division One, but they surprised me by playing the long ball game on many occasions.

Despite the result, there were some impressive personal performances by our lads. I thought Andy Petterson did particularly well in goal, making some fine saves on his debut; Ceri Hughes had a controlled and solid game in the middle and Phil Gray looked sharp in attack.

We are still confident of doing well this season after some encouraging performances during the summer. The tour of Sweden made a nice change and although we were not always tested as much as we could have been, it gave the boss a good chance to look at the entire squad and help in deciding who his starting eleven could be come the start of the season.

The games in the west country against Exeter and Plymouth gave us a better indication of how our planning was going, and we were particularly heartened with our per-

formance against Queens Park Rangers.

On the playing front, I would like to welcome Steve Claridge, Chris Brooks and coach Wayne Turner to Kenilworth Road. Steve already has a proven track record in front of goal so hopefully he can take over from Mick Harford and bag his fair share of goals. Chris is an unknown quantity after joining the club from non-league football. So far he has impressed in training and will be pushing the regular first teamers all the way this season for a place himself. Wayne, a former player here at Luton, has joined the club in a coaching capacity. As he already knows how we operate at Kenilworth Road, I am sure he is going to be a big asset to us all.

I must confess I know little about Bristol City, today's opponents. I believe they have a strong attack with Dziekanowski and the former Arsenal lad Cole, so I am sure I will have my hands full this afternoon.

When we were in the old First Division we had a fair knowledge of the opposing teams' players and how they would play. That has all changed now that we are entering new territories. Exciting times lay ahead, and we are determined to take our place back where we belong - in the Premier League.

As I said all last season, you the fans can have a terrific influence on the game and help turn an average performance into a good one. So let's hear your vocal support and help us on our way to hopefully the first of many victories at Kenilworth Road this season!



Enjoy the game.

Trevor is put through his paces on the pre-season tour to Sweden.



Jamie Campbell is mobbed by jubilant team-mates after scoring his first goal for the club at Leicester City last Saturday.

Charlton looking for Valley return

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NEWS ON ONE

With the Town entering the new First Division this season, we keep you updated with all the latest scorers, team-talk, transfer news and gossip from all 24 clubs.

Charlton Athletic began the season in fine fashion last Saturday with a 3-1 win over Grimsby at Upton Park. The attendance of 4,823, the lowest in the First Division on the opening Saturday, was disappointing, but the club are hopeful of a return to the Valley before the end of October.

Charlton have raised £940,000 towards their target of £1.2 million for work on the final refurbishment at the Valley and co-manager Alan Curbishley is in no doubt a return to the club's original ground is essential for success: "It is important for the club to return there. Trying to sell things like lottery tickets when the team is playing its home games miles away is not easy. It's not such a problem for the players as, of the current squad, only Robert Lee has played at the Valley."

West Ham boss Billy Bonds is pleased with the influence Harry Redknapp is having on his players following the former Bournemouth manager's appointment as coach. He said: "I already feel better with Harry around. To be honest I think he'll end up

my best signing.

"I don't know whether people realise just how good a coach he is. The players have responded well to him and he's got nine years of managerial experience for me to call upon." The Hammers kicked off their season with a 1-0 win at Barnsley on Sunday.

Across London, newly promoted Brentford went down 0-2 to Wolves. Bees manager Phil Holder must try to replace striker Dean Holdsworth who has departed for Wimbledon in a £1 million deal. Striker Murray Jones has been signed from Grimsby for £75,000 and Guernsey-born Grant Chalmers, spotted on a recent tour in England, has joined the Griffin Park Club. Holder is keen for the local community to get behind the club: "In the past I've heard nothing but people saying that we didn't want to go up and that we lacked ambition. I've also been told that if we do well we can expect fantastic support. Now we will see if they are right." The Bees game against Wolves attracted over 9,000 fans which is well up on last

season's average of 6,930.

Following the sale of Shaun Cunningham to Sunderland for £650,000, Grimsby Town boss Alan Buckley has cash to strengthen his side which narrowly escaped relegation last season. So far, Buckley has signed Plymouth keeper Rhys Wilmot at a bargain price of £87,500 which was not suprisingly set by tribunal, and former Blackpool midfielder Paul Groves for £150,000. Groves hit eight League goals for the Tangerines last season as they clinched promotion from the Fourth Division.

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GREETINGS FROM NORWAY!

Dear Sir,
 I hope you enjoyed the nice summer, it has been wonderful weather in Norway, what about England, the same!?

We had great success with the English Supporters' Clubs Cup in June! In the group matches we (Luton Town) beat Manchester United 2-1, lost 0-1 to Sheffield Wednesday and finished up beating Manchester City 3-2. We won the group and progressed to the quarter finals!

Sadly, Middlesbrough defeated us at that stage 3-2, but we still had a great tournament. 17 teams took part in total, and we were very pleased with our overall performance, particularly beating Manchester United's Supporters' Club which has 4,500 members compared to our 60!

I hope you all enjoy the pictures, and hopefully next year we will progress even further. We all wish David Pleat and the players the very best of luck for the new season..

Thomas Moller,
 Luton Town Supporters' Club (Norway),
 Hestehovsbk 22,
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 Norway.

A DOUBLE CELEBRATION FOR AARON

Dear sir,
 I am writing to you to ask if you could help me! On August 22, my team, Bristol City, visit my boyfriend's team Luton Town.

Now also on this day it is his 21st birthday and to make it extra special I would like you to print the following message:

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Best wishes for the 1992-93 season, except for today's game against City of course!

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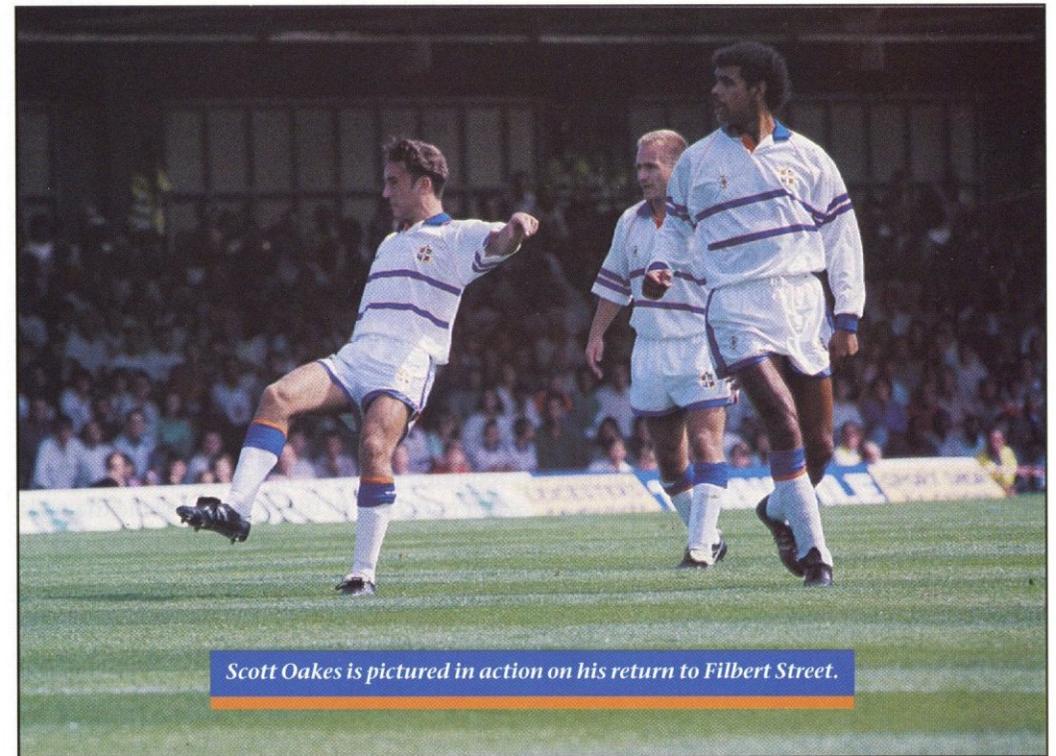
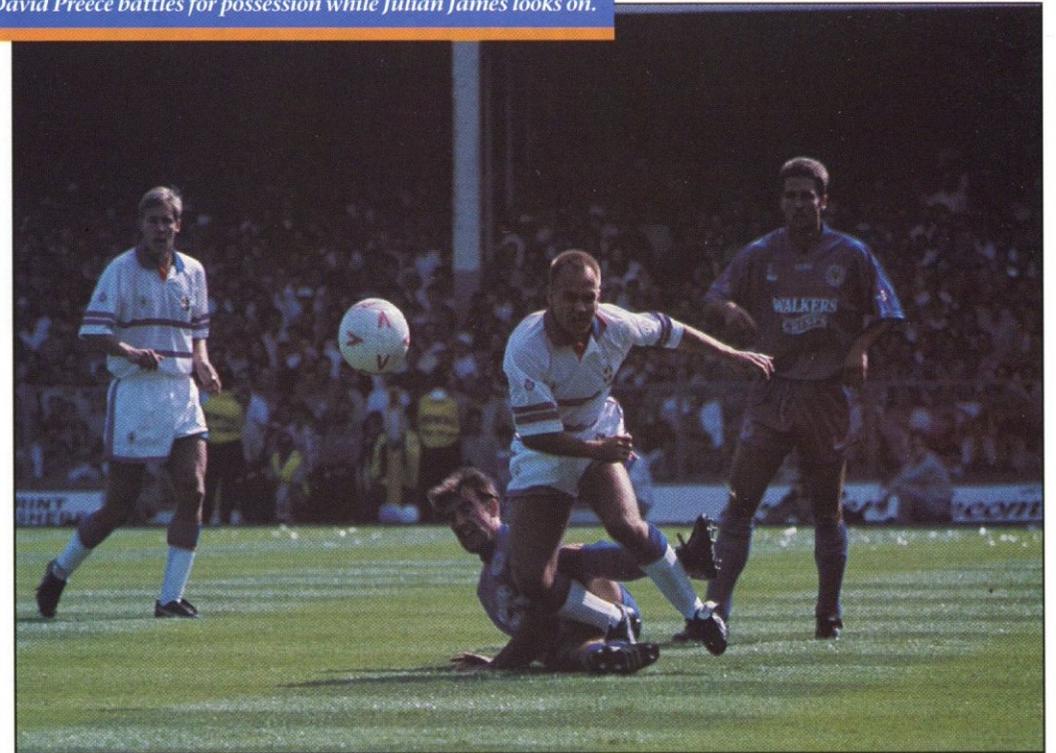
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John Dreyer awaits a corner with Leicester forward Ian Ormondroyd.

David Preece battles for possession while Julian James looks on.



Scott Oakes is pictured in action on his return to Filbert Street.

The Hatters pre-season news



AROUND THE TOWN

WELCOME NEW SIGNINGS

We welcome new signings Chris Brooks and Steve Claridge to Kenilworth Road for the new season. Chris, a £10,000 signing from non-league Ilkeston Town, was a prolific goalscorer with his former club, scoring 38 goals last season. Steve joined us from Cambridge United in July after scoring 15 goals in 29 appearances for United last season. We wish both players the very best of luck and hope that they have successful careers at Kenilworth Road.

GOOD BYE AND GOOD LUCK

We said goodbye to Assistant Manager Colin Murphy in May, after his appointment as manager of fellow Division One side Southend United. Colin, who had been at the club for 12 months, left with the best wishes of everyone at Luton Town.

Also departed are first team squad players Brian Stein, Mick O'Brien and Mick Harford. Brian had given the Town a total of 12 years loyal service, while the unfortunate Mick O'Brien was released after his progress had been halted by a two-year battle against a severely broken leg. Mick left for Chelsea two weeks ago after finishing top-scorer last season with 12 goals. We wish all three the best of luck as they pursue new careers.

NEW STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Former Hatters midfielder Wayne Turner has re-joined the club as an assistant coach. Wayne signed for Luton as a schoolboy and after claiming a regular place in the team, left to join Coventry City. Injuries prematurely

halted his career and he has joined the Town after a successful coaching stint at Third Division Barnet.

Les Shannon is also re-joining the Hatters as Scouting Co-ordinator. A vastly experienced man, he has held coaching and management jobs at the highest level and will bring the benefit of his experience to the club.

BOB READHEAD

Everybody at Luton Town was saddened to hear of the passing of Bob Readhead in July. Bob, club secretary between 1963 and 1975, was a great servant of our club, dating back to the early 1920's when he was a ball-boy at Kenilworth Road. We send our condolences to Bob's family and friends.

BRIAN A SAVIOUR ON TOUR

Club physiotherapist Brian Owen became a saviour to one local woman on the final day of the Town's pre-season tour of Sweden.

Travelling back by coach to the team hotel after successfully beating I.S. Emtarna 4-1, the Town staff witnessed a serious accident involving a car and an elk.

"Judging by the tyre marks in the road, the car must have been going pretty fast when it collided with the elk," explained Brian. "The car ended up in the trees alongside the road, and the woman driver had gone through the windscreen.

"Luckily, I had my medical equipment with me on the team coach, so I was able to help clean her up and calm her down while one of the other lads called for an ambulance."

Latest Ticket Office news



BY CHERRY NEWBERY

Charlton Athletic v Luton Town

Saturday, August 29, 1992-Kick-off 3.00 pm

Seats are priced at £12.00 adults, £6.00 senior citizens/juniors, and are available from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road until 5.00 pm on Friday August 28, and also on the day of the match.

Standing pay on the turnstile only on the day of the match £9.00 adults, £5.00 senior citizens/juniors.

Newcastle United v Luton Town

Wednesday, September 2, 1992-Kick-off 7.45 pm

There are no seats available to Luton supporters for this match.

Standing pay at the turnstile on the night of the match only, priced £7.00 (no concessions).

Luton Town v Tranmere Rovers

Saturday, September 5, 1992-Kick-off 3.00 pm

Tickets for this match go on sale to members at the discounted price on Saturday, August 8. Normal League prices apply from August 24. Normal guesting facilities are available for this match.

Brentford v Luton Town

Sunday, September 13, 1992-Kick-off 12.00 pm

Seats priced at £12.00 adults, £10.00 senior citizens/juniors, and standing priced at £7.00 adults, £5.00 senior citizens/juniors are available from the Ticket Office until Saturday, September 12, at 1.00 pm.

Both seats and terracing can be purchased on the day at Brentford but NO CONCESSIONS will be available.

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Nearest railway: Newcastle

Brentford (Griffin Park)

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Nearest railway: Brentford

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Denis looking forward to first full season



BRISTOL CITY F.C. 1992

■ Bristol City visit Kenilworth Road today aiming to start the new 1992-93 season in the same fashion as they impressively ended the last.

■ With Andy Cole, the quicksilver centre-forward from Arsenal impressing on loan, the Robins lost only one of their final nine league matches of 1991-92. Cole appeared to give the whole side a lift and immediately won over the Ashton Gate faithful. Settling down incredibly well, he turned in some fine individual performances and scored eight goals, which helped steer the club to Second Division survival.

■ Manager Denis Smith made arguably the First Division signing of the sum-

mer by prising Cole away from the prospect of Premier League football this season with Arsenal. But with a multi-million pound excessive forward line already existing at Highbury, manager George Graham agreed to let Andy go. He joined the Robins for £500,000 in early July, thus smashing the club's existing transfer record in the process.

■ The spending spree did not stop there, and Mr Smith has made his intentions clear for the new season by gaining the services of Brian Mitchell, a defender from Bradford City, Glasgow Rangers reserve Shaun Rouse, and Dave Thompson who joined the club as part of an exchange

deal which took midfielder Andy May to Millwall.

■ Mr Smith, who is starting his tenth season in football management, is clearly excited by the challenges which lie ahead. He said: "Now that August has arrived I am really looking forward to the new season.

"The last couple of weeks of pre-season training has seen the management 'fine tune' the squad and now we are as ready as we'll ever be. Ever since we came back in July. I have had an idea of what the side will be, but every squad member has been given a chance to impress during the last five weeks, so hopefully we now have a settled side."



Back row (left to right): Micky Mellon, Nicky Morgan, Gerry Harrison, James McIntyre, Ray Atteveld, Mark Gavin, Terry Connor. Middle row (left to right): Buster Footman, Denis Smith, Wayne Allison, Dariusz Dziekanowski, Robert Edwards, Gary Campbell, Andy Leaning, Keith Welch, David Thompson, Matt Bryant, Brian Mitchell, Leroy Rosenoir, Steve Benton, Mark Harrison, Alan Crawford. Front row (left to right): Deoin Vernon, Andy Paterson, Shaun Rouse, Andy Cole, Russell Osman, Gary Shelton, Mark Aizlewood, Andy Llewellyn, Martin Scott, Junior Bent, Andy Hogg.

CITY ON PARADE

ANDY LEANING (goalkeeper) – Andy began his career at York City in 1985 before joining Sheffield United two years later. He joined Bristol City, initially on loan, in September 1988 and the transfer was made permanent for £12,000 two months later.

MARK AIZLEWOOD (defender) – Signed from Bradford City for £110,000 in 1990, Mark has been a regular for City at the heart of the defence. A Welsh international, he began his career at Newport and later played for the Town, Charlton and Leeds United.

ANDY LLEWELLYN (defender) – The longest-serving player at Ashton Gate, Andy is a former England youth international. A tenacious full-back, he has amassed more than 300 appearances for the Robins.

RUSSELL OSMAN (defender) – Russell began his career at Ipswich where he won UEFA Cup and England honours. He joined Leicester for £200,000 in 1985 before joining Southampton three years later. Russell joined City for £60,000 in 1991 and is the club's assistant manager.

MARTIN SCOTT (defender) – City's only ever-present last season, Martin joined the club from Rotherham for £200,000 in 1990. He made his debut for United in 1986 and made more than 100 senior appearances for the Millers before moving to Ashton Gate.

BRIAN MITCHELL (defender) – Brian is an experienced defender who joined the club from Bradford City in June. Previously with Aberdeen, he featured in the Dons successful European exploits of the early eighties before joining Bradford.

RAY ATTEVELD (midfield) – Ray is a Dutch 'B' and under-21 international. He started his career with FC Haarlem before joining Everton in 1989. Ray had loan spells with West Ham and Middlesbrough last season before joining City for £250,000 in 1992.

ROB EDWARDS (midfield) – Rob joined City from Carlisle United for £135,000 in 1991. A Welsh youth and under-21 international, he made his debut last season and went on to make 15 league appearances.

GARY SHELTON (midfield) – Gary joined City in 1989 from Oxford United as part of an exchange deal with Steve McLaren. He has played over 400 league appearances in a career which has also taken in Walsall, Aston Villa and Sheffield Wednesday.

SHAUN ROUSE (midfield) – Shaun moved to Ashton Gate from Glasgow Rangers this summer. He joined Rangers from school but was unable to break into the first team despite captaining the reserves.

WAYNE ALLISON (forward) – Wayne joined City from Watford in 1990 in a deal

which took Mark Gavin to Vicarage Road. A powerful front-runner, he was City's leading goalscorer last season with 11 League and cup goals.

DARIUSZ DZIEKANOWSKI (forward) – A holder of 63 Polish international caps, 'Jacki' joined City from Celtic for £250,000 in 1992. A popular addition to the squad, Jacki scored some vital goals last season.

ANDREW COLE (forward) – Signed from Arsenal for a record £500,000 fee during the summer, Andy spent the final two months of last season on loan at Ashton Gate. His eight goals in 12 games were a major factor in the club avoiding relegation.

THE MAN IN CHARGE



Denis was appointed manager at Ashton Gate on March 9, 1992 in succession to Jimmy Lumsden.

Previously he had been in charge at York and Sunderland after a

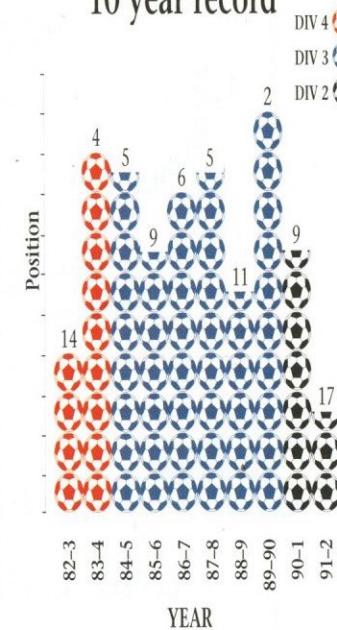
successful playing career at Stoke, where, as a central defender, he made more than 400 appearances.

His first managerial post at York was as a player-manager, and within two years of his appointment in 1982, he had led them to the Fourth Division championship.

In 1987 he joined Sunderland and took them from the Third to the First Division in his time at Roker Park, but the club lost their First Division status after just one season.

On joining City, he was immediately faced with the task of pulling them away from the bottom of the table, an objective which was successfully achieved.

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THE PERSON BEHIND THE PLAYER

Name: Ceri (Emlyn) Hughes

Birthplace: Church Street, Llwynypia, Wales

Date of Birth: 26.2.71

Height: 5 ft. 11 1/2 ins

Weight: 12 stone

Signed from: Llwynypia Boys Club in 1985

Luton Town debut: v Aston Villa (a), Division One, 10.3.90

International honours: Wales youth, under-21, B and full caps.

Family: Mum – Janice, Dad – John, brothers – Stephen, David, Darren, sister – Lisa.

Star sign: Pisces

Favourite food and drink: Roast chicken and Becks lager

Newspaper: Today

Music likes: U2, New Order, Simple Minds, Depeche Mode, Michael Jackson, Jean-Michel Jarre.

Top television programmes: Only Fools and Horses and Miami Vice (when it was on).

Worst tv: Agatha Christie's Murder She Wrote

Best film/video: Patriot Games / Untouchables

Top actor/actress: Al Pacino / Michelle Pfeiffer

Funniest comedian: Andrew 'The Dice Man' Clay (American)

Favourite item of clothing: Anything by Ralph Lauren

Hobbies: Films, music, relaxing, driving, eating out, nightclubbing

Top holiday resort: Chicago, or anywhere in America

First car: Ford Fiesta

Current car: Citroen AX GT

Silliest thing you have ever done: Come back from America!

Best friend in football: Juergen Sommer / Mark Pembridge

Most treasured possession: The ball (or my family and friends)

What frightens you most: Pre-season training!

Worst habit: Spending money

What annoys you most: Any other opponent

Football boots worn: Diadora, Adidas, Asics

Other players admired and why: Paul Gascoigne – a great personality who is not afraid to say what he thinks.

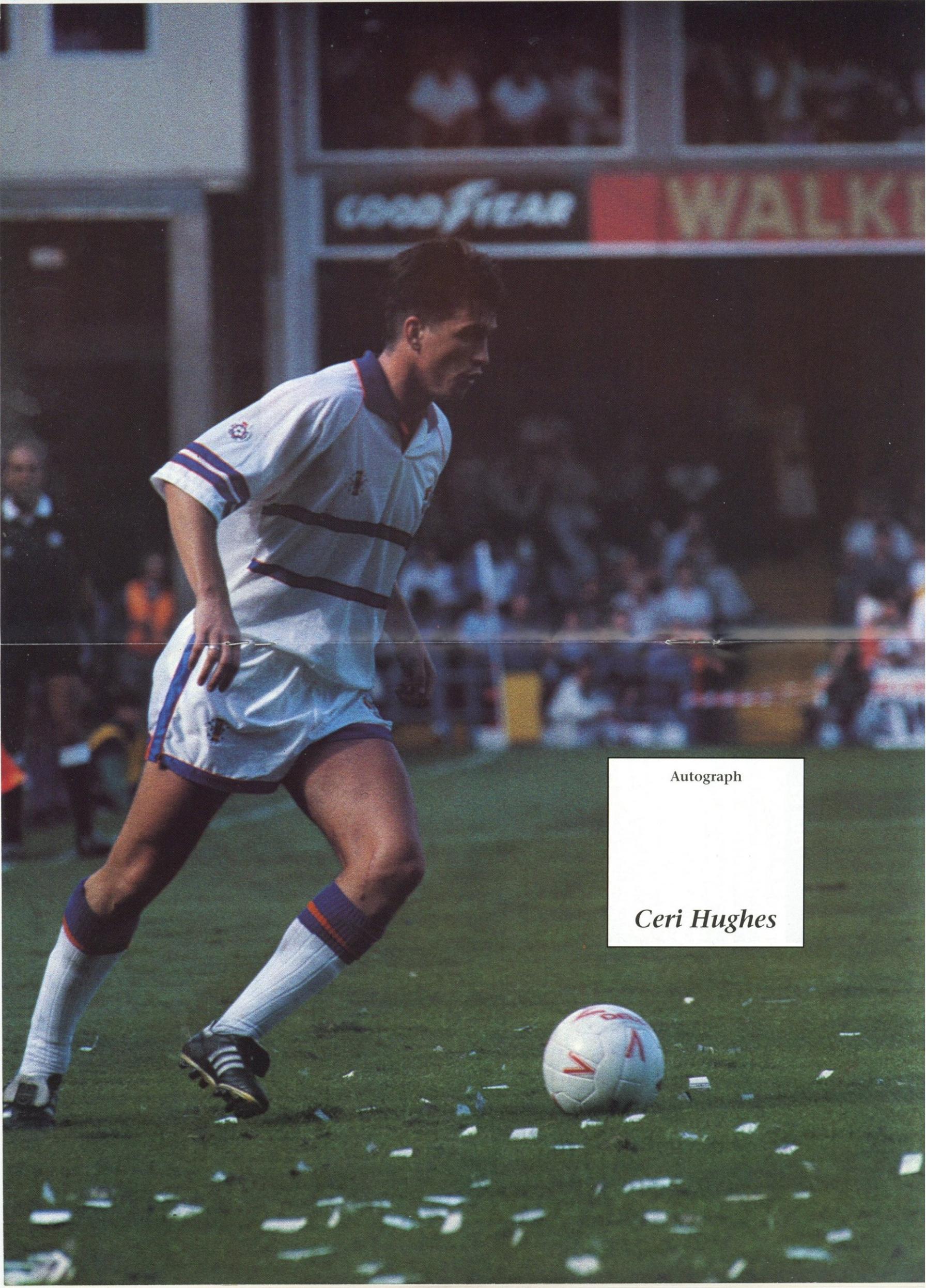
Favourite away ground and why: White Hart Lane. I got sent off there!

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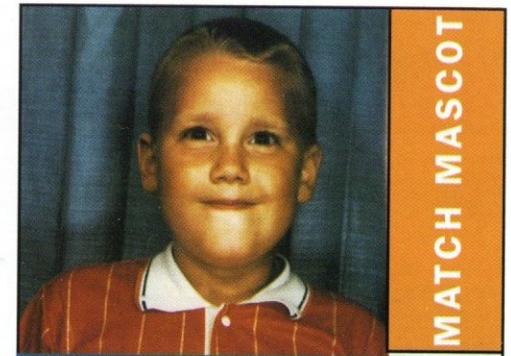
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Two trips already planned

JUNIOR HATTERS WITH ALEC CHAMBERLAIN



MATCH MASCOT

This afternoon's mascot is Matthew Culpit. He is 7 years old and attends Warden Hill Junior School. He is interested in reading, music and all sports.

Welcome back to the new First Division season – it is great to be playing football again! Our pre-season training has gone very well and now it is down to the real thing.

Today we give Bristol City a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road. We also welcome the Junior Robins who are watching today's game with us. Both sets of supporters have been playing football this morning, so I hope you all had a good time.

We have a lot of games to go to this season, starting with the first away game for Junior Hatters at Charlton Athletic on Saturday, August 29. The coach will leave from the top of Oak Road at 9.00 am and the price will be £7.00 for juniors and £8.00 parents. If you would like to go, and play for the Junior Hatters, call into either the Oak Road

or Kenilworth Road Sports Shop and put your name down. A packed-lunch is recommended for this trip, and book early to avoid disappointment!

We will also be running a coach to Brentford on Sunday September 13. I will let you know all the details in our next home programme v Tranmere Rovers.

Do not forget that your membership runs out at the end of August. You will find enrolment forms in both sports shops, or fill in the form below.

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David Preece and Scott Oakes are pictured in action during our friendly with Queens Park Rangers on August 10



Looking to impress on pre-season results



RESERVES AND YOUTH BY TERRY WESTLEY AND WAYNE TURNER

Neville Ovenden Football Combination 1991/92 Final League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	38	22	9	7	73	36	75
Chelsea	38	22	7	9	72	43	73
Arsenal	38	22	6	10	80	49	72
Q.P.R.	38	22	5	11	76	43	71
Norwich City	38	21	6	11	75	37	69
LUTON TOWN	38	18	8	12	59	51	62
Swindon Town	38	16	8	14	62	60	56
Wimbledon	38	14	12	12	56	44	54
Crystal Palace	38	15	9	14	63	61	54
Ipswich Town	38	15	9	14	65	68	54
Tottenham Hotspur	38	14	11	13	63	54	53
Portsmouth	38	16	2	20	69	75	50
Watford	38	15	3	20	59	69	48
Charlton Athletic	38	13	9	16	50	60	48
Oxford United	38	13	7	18	54	77	46
West Ham United	38	11	11	16	55	64	44
Millwall	38	10	12	16	67	80	42
Fulham	38	11	8	19	39	58	41
Brighton & Hove Albion	38	8	8	22	46	67	32
Reading	38	5	4	29	48	135	19

Neville Ovenden Football Combination Fixtures Season 1992/93

Mon 17 Aug	Millwall 2-1	Tue 29 Dec	Arsenal
Mon 24 Aug	Fulham	Mon 4 Jan	Bristol City
Mon 31 Aug	Queens Park Rangers	Mon 11 Jan	Chelsea
Mon 7 Sept	Crystal Palace	Mon 18 Jan	Arsenal
Mon 14 Sept	Tottenham Hotspur	Wed 27 Jan	Ipswich Town
Wed 23 Sept	Wimbledon	Mon 1 Feb	Charlton Athletic
Mon 28 Sept	Portsmouth	Fri 12 Feb	Norwich City
Wed 7 Oct	Brighton & Hove Albion	Mon 15 Feb	Fulham
Mon 12 Oct	Norwich City	Tue 23 Feb	Watford
Tue 20 Oct	Queens Park Rangers	Mon 1 Mar	Swindon Town
Mon 26 Oct	Brighton & Hove Albion	Tue 9 Mar	Oxford United
Wed 4 Nov	Portsmouth	Mon 15 Mar	Ipswich Town
Mon 9 Nov	Wimbledon	Mon 22 Mar	Watford
Wed 18 Nov	Tottenham Hotspur	Mon 29 Mar	Millwall
Mon 23 Nov	West Ham United	Mon 5 Apr	Oxford United
Wed 2 Dec	Bristol City	Wed 14 Apr	Southampton
Mon 7 Dec	Crystal Palace	Mon 19 Apr	Chelsea
Mon 14 Dec	Southampton	Wed 28 Apr	Charlton Athletic
Mon 21 Dec	Swindon Town	Mon 3 May	West Ham United

Match Report

Hitchin Town 1 Luton Town 4
Pre-season friendly, Saturday, August 1, 1992.

The reserves made the short journey down the A505 for their first pre-season fixture, against Diadora League outfit Hitchin Town, who themselves had a team full of ex-Luton players. "This game proved to be very interesting because we were playing against players we knew about," said coach John Moore. "It took our players a long time to settle down and take control of the game, nevertheless it was the first pre-season friendly for the reserves and it turned out easier than previous encounters with Hitchin."

Team: Chamberlain, Joseph (trialist), Gillard, Allpress, Greene, Dreyer, Murray 1, Brooks, Nogan 1, Linton 1, Thorp (trialist) 1. Subs: Campbell, Flain.

Letchworth Town 0 Luton Town 10
Pre-season friendly, Tuesday, August 4, 1992.

The Town reserves continued their build-up to the new season in North Herts with a visit to Letchworth Town. The emphatic scoreline tell its own story... "This game turned out to be good practice for our goalscorers," enthused Moore. "After a slightly shaky start, the goals just flowed with a devastating spell of six in 14 minutes. After taking a 6-0 lead at half-time, we did well to keep going and score four more goals."

Team: Sommer, Allpress 1, Gillard, Thorp (trialist) 1, Greene 1, Dreyer, Murray, Claridge 2, Wright (trialist), Hughes 1, Flain 1. Subs: Nogan 1, Brooks 2.

Match Report

Diss Town 1 Luton Town 3
Pre-season friendly, Saturday, August 1, 1992.

After losing to Harpenden 3-0 the previous week, coach Terry Westley was looking for a much improved performance against East Anglian outfit Diss Town. The final outcome left Terry in a much better frame of mind. "This was a much better team performance," he said. "With a decent pitch, the team were able to pass the ball very well. We looked effective in attack with Johnny Hartson taking his tally to five goals in three matches. More work is still needed defensively."

Team: Kuntz, Jukes, Brittain, Philp, Draper, Skelton, Rioch, Woolgar, Butler 1, McDonagh, Hartson 2. Subs: Campbell, Hutchinson.

Queens Park Rangers 4 Luton Town 1

Pre-season friendly, Tuesday, August 4, 1992.

"The first half of this match saw us produce form as good as any I have seen during our pre-season games," said Terry. "But again we conceded a soft goal and made the job more difficult than it ought to have been. Our attacking play was again of a high quality, with Hartson a constant threat. In the second-half we made several substitutions to give everyone an opportunity, but it dis-jointed the team."

South East Counties League Division Two Fixtures Season 1992/93

The remainder of the South East Counties League fixtures will be announced in December.

Sat 15 Aug	Bristol Rovers 8-0
Sat 22 Aug	Reading
Tue 25 Sept	Chelsea (SJFC 1) check
Sat 29 Aug	Colchester United
Sat 5 Sep	Tottenham Hotspur
Sat 12 Sept	AFC Bournemouth
Sat 19 Sept	Charlton Athletic (SECLC 1)
Sat 26 Sept	Brentford
Sat 3 Oct	Oxford United
Sat 10 Oct	Southampton
Sat 17 Oct	Crystal Palace
Sat 31 Oct	Wimbledon
Sat 7 Nov	Swindon Town
Sat 14 Nov	Bristol City
Sat 21 Nov	Brighton & H.A.
Sat 5 Dec	Brighton & H.A.
Sat 12 Dec	Bristol Rovers
Sat 19 Dec	Reading
Sat 2 Jan	Colchester United

Team: Watkins, Philp, Brittain 1, McLaren, Draper, Skelton, Rioch, Woolgar, Butler, Hartson, Campbell, McDonagh. Subs: Smith, Hutchinson.

For all reserve and youth pre-season results at-a-glance, see page 38.

Division Two 1991-92 Youth Team - Appearances and Goalscorers 1991/92

	S.E.C.L.		S.J.F.C.		S.E.C.L.C.		F.A.Y.C.	
	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls
Brittain	7(4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brookes	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Butler	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Campbell	1(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcary	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Draper	4(5)	-	(-1)	-	-	-	-	-
Elliott	18	-	3	-	1	-	4	2
Flain	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fleet	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gibb	1(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goodfellow	9(6)	5	2	1	-	-	3	1
Greene	26	4	3	1	1	1	4	1
Hancock	25	-	2	-	1	-	4	-
Hartson	19(4)	15	1(1)	1	1	-	1(2)	-
Holtam	23	5	3	-	1	-	4	2
Jukes	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
McDonagh	9(2) 5	3	2	-	-	-	1(1)	1
Murray	18	2	3	1	1	-	4	-
Newman	15(5)	6	-	(-1)	-	(-1)	3(1)	2
Philp	26	-	3	-	1	-	4	-
Rioch	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rogers	22(2)	4	3	-	1	-	4	-
Ryan	24	4	3	-	1	-	3(1)	-
Simpson	7(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skelton	16(3)	1	3	-	1	-	4	-
Smith	5(9)	-	-	-	-	-	(-1)	-
Sutton	13(6)	6	(-1)	-	(-1)	-	1(2)	-
Standaloft	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Watkins	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Woolgar	6(1)	2	-	-	-	-	-	-

South East Counties League Division Two 1991/92 Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	26	18	5	3	69	24	41
Wimbledon	26	16	5	5	71	24	37
Oxford United	26	15	4	7	49	31	34
LUTON TOWN	26	14	6	6	60	45	34
Brentford	26	13	5	8	47	33	31
Southampton	26	11	8	7	32	30	30
Brighton & Hove Albion	26	12	4	10	51	38	28
Bristol City	26	10	5	11	44	45	25
Tottenham Hotspur	26	9	3	14	34	55	21
Swindon Town	26	7	6	13	30	53	20
Reading	26	8	3	15	44	64	19
Bristol Rovers	26	7	2	17	41	86	16
Bournemouth	26	6	3	17	34	50	15
Maidstone United	26	5	3	18	32	60	13

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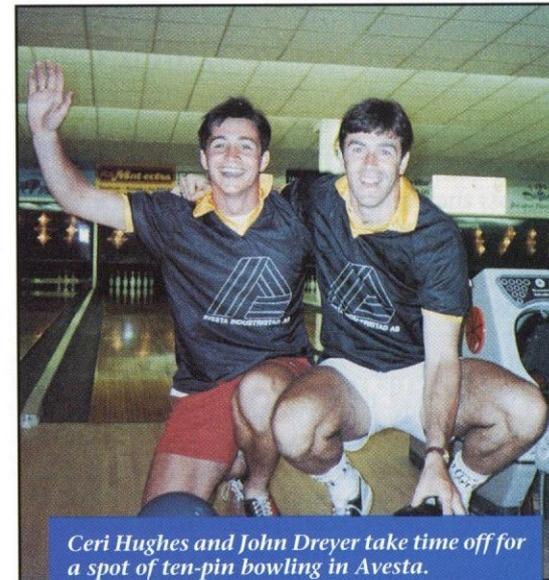
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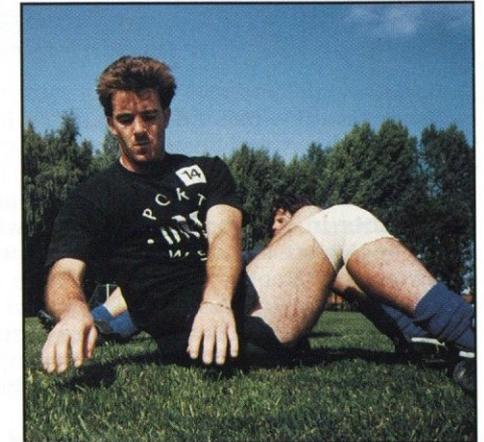
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Ceri Hughes and John Dreyer take time off for a spot of ten-pin bowling in Avesta.



Phil Gray works out in the Swedish heat.



The squad get together for a group photograph.

Town versus Robins down the years

BACK TRACKING BY ROGER WASH



Club statistician Roger Wash takes a look at the many encounters between Luton Town and Bristol City. In this, the first of a new series by Roger, we also discover those players who have had the privilege of playing for both the Town and the visiting team.

Although meetings between the Town and Bristol City can be traced back to Southern League days, the first clashes in the Football League took place in 1922/23 following the "Robins" relegation from Division Two.

In front of a Kenilworth Road crowd of 12,000 on December 2, 1922 Luton did well to hold on to a 1-1 draw despite losing goalscorer Harry Higginbotham and centre-half George Foster with serious injuries. Neither player was able to turn out the following week in the return

fixture which City won 1-0 on the way to their quick return to Division Two. Just as quick, again, was their relegation with the two clubs meeting again in 1924/25. This time the Town ran out emphatic 3-0 winners at Kenilworth Road but again, with an injury hit side, lost 2-0 at Ashton Gate in the return.

After a couple of heavy defeats at Bristol over the next two seasons the Town had a respite following City's promotion in 1927 and the teams were not destined to

meet again for a further five years by which time Luton were starting to build a side which was itself gearing up to eventual elevation to Division Two.

In the five seasons leading up to promotion the Town lost only once to City with the double being achieved in both 1935/36 and 1936/37. In the latter season City were one of the many clubs to experience the goal-grabbing ability of Joe Payne when he scored twice in the 3-2 win at Ashton Gate.

Paths were not due to cross again for almost three decades following the Town's relegation back to Division Three in 1963 with the two meetings in October of that year, confirming the downward spiral of the Luton team with defeats of 4-1 and 5-1 in the space of six days.

The following season was not much better with the 1-0 defeat at Bristol virtually sealing the Town's place in the Fourth Division. But by the time the teams next met the boot was on the other foot with Malcolm MacDonald scoring twice with his head in the 3-0 win at Kenilworth Road on October 3rd 1970.

This was after I stated in a pre-match discussion that MacDonald was not up to much in the air!

A notable double was achieved in the Town's promotion season of 1973/74 with an early 3-1 win at Ashton Gate. Goals from John Aston, John Ryan and Tom Finney set up the campaign. A solitary Peter Anderson goal secured a valuable home victory shortly after Christmas in a game featured on "Match of the Day".

Two seasons later with the Town back in Division Two it was not City's turn to shine as they secured a promotion place with an emphatic 3-0 win at Ashton Gate helping them on their way.

The next, and last, time the teams met was in 1980/81 with the Town getting



Brian Stein was on target against Tottenham ten years ago.

together a team ready for Division One while City were getting ready for a swift descent through the Divisions following relegation the previous season.

The game at Ashton Gate

on October 7th was notable only for the Town throwing away a 1-0 interval lead, to lose 2-1 but goals from David Moss and Steve White with two made amends in the return the following March.

A "HATTER" AND A "ROBIN" HUMPHREY DOLMAN

Bloxwich-born Dolman started his career in non-league football with Blakenhall and Willenhall before being snapped up by Chesterfield for whom he was ever present in goal during their promotion season to Division Two in 1930/31.

He then joined Bristol City in the summer of 1934 and missed only one game in goal in his first season before joining in the Town in March 1936 just in time to feature in the famous 12-0 win over Bristol Rovers the following month.

In 1936/37, the Town's promotion season, Dolman was preferred to the popular Joe Coen but after an injury in the 4-0 defeat at Bristol Rovers in March 1937 he could not regain his place, although a championship medal, to go with the one he won at Chesterfield, was assured.

Over the next two seasons Dolman shared the goalkeeping position with Coen and, in all, made 62 league appearances for the Town before the War finished his career.

It happened five years ago:-

August 22, 1987 - The Town drew 2-2 with West Ham. Mick Harford scored both goals before a crowd of 8,073.

It happened ten years ago:-

August 28, 1982 - The Town travelled to Tottenham for their first game back in Division One. John Lacy and Brian Stein scored Luton's goals in a 2-2 draw.

It happened fifteen years ago:-

August 20, 1977 - Phil Boersma made his Luton debut in the 1-0 win over Orient at Kenilworth Road. Steve Buckley scored the Town goal.

It happened twenty years ago:-

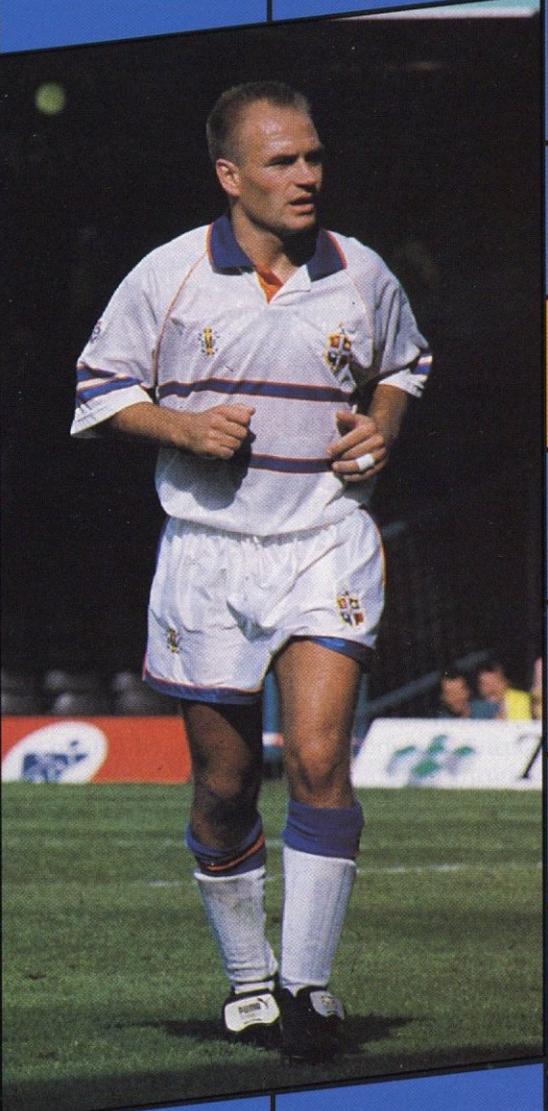
August 19, 1972 - The Town beat Preston 1-0. Making their home debuts were Bobby Thomson, Rodney Fern and John Aston.

Steve Buckley scored the all-important goal as the Town Beat Orient in 1977.

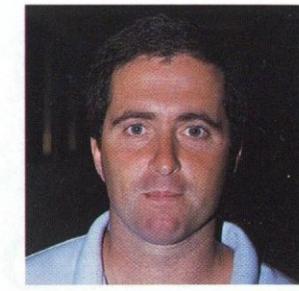


	HOME	AWAY	HOME	AWAY	
1922/23	1-1	0-1	1963-64	1-4	1-5
1924/25	3-0	0-2	1964-65	0-0	0-1
1925/26	4-1	1-5	1970-71	3-0	2-3
1926/27	0-0	0-6	1971-72	0-0	0-0
1932/33	5-4	2-5	1972-73	1-3	1-0
1933/34	3-0	0-0	1973-74	1-0	3-1
1934/35	1-1	2-0	1975-76	0-0	0-3
1935/36	1-0	2-1	1980/81	3-1	1-2
1936-37	4-0	3-2			

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After the success of these courses, we are pleased to announce that we have two more

series of courses planned for September and October at the Vauxhall Brache Arena, Luton. An application form for the first course can be filled in below, and remember, those players who excel themselves on the course have the chance of joining the Vauxhall Luton Town Centre of Excellence. A form for the second course will feature in a future programme.

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5th, 12th and 19th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualified FA Coaches • Fun and Games • Five a side competitions • Prizes for players with the best attitude • Opportunity to be invited to join the 'Vauxhall' Luton Town Centre of Excellence • Guest appearance by LTFC players and staff |
| Time:- 7.00pm - 8.00pm | |
| Venue:- Vauxhall Brache Arena,
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| Coaching Programme:-
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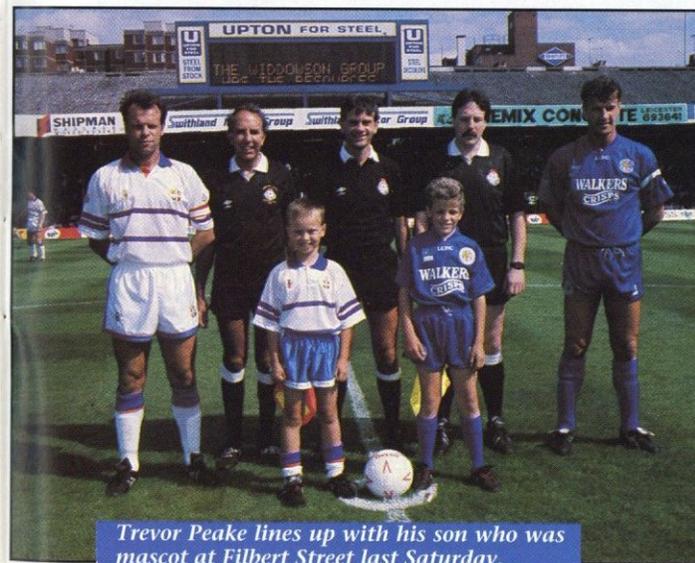
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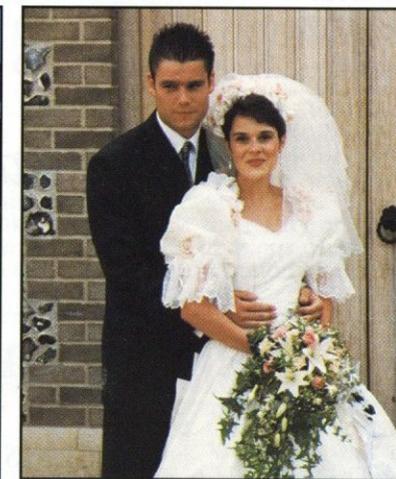
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Trevor Peake lines up with his son who was mascot at Filbert Street last Saturday.



Richard Harvey poses for the cameras with his new bride Laraine. The happy couple were married in June.

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A new season kicks off in exciting style

A WEEK IN FOOTBALL

The Premier League, complete with fireworks and parachutists, inevitably took centre stage, and all eyes were on the big-money signings to see how they fared with their new clubs.

Blackburn's £3.6 million signing Alan Shearer silenced his critics with a storming debut performance. Two thirty-yard strikes against Crystal Palace eased the burden of such an immense price tag on his shoulders, and at the end of an exciting 3-3 draw at Selhurst Park, Shearer said: "I promised when Blackburn paid all that money for me that I would give them 110 per cent every game. I think I did that today.

"I know that the media will be quick to jump on my back as soon as the goals begin to dry up, but as long as I perform in the same fashion as today I should have no problems. Remember, I didn't ask for such a price tag to be put on me, that is out of my hands."

The new back-pass rule has been highlighted as the major cause for concern amongst players and management alike in the first few weeks of the new season. With the goalkeeper now unable to use his hands when a backpass is made to him, teething troubles are bound to occur.

The most documented mistake last Saturday was that involving Wimbledon right-back Roger Joseph, during the Dons 2-1 defeat at Leeds United. Caught in two minds in his own goal area, Joseph stumbled to let in Lee Chapman score the Champion's first goal of the season.

The incident left Leeds boss Howard Wilkinson admitting:

"We would never have scored the first goal 'under normal circumstances'. I am sure Joseph would have simply judged the ball back to his goalkeeper."

A similar incident happened at Stamford Bridge, involving Blues much-maligned goalkeeper Dave Beasant. "Dave was another victim of the new rule," stated manager Ian Porterfield. "I was particularly disappointed with our fans who got on Dave's back because up until that point, he had an immaculate game."

Mistakes are not the only concern with the new ruling. Goalkeepers now also worry for their own safety. Pre-season saw the highly-documented incident involving former Town keeper Andy Dibble. He broke his leg playing for Manchester City as a result of having to contest a 50-50 ball with his feet. The worrying prospect of such incidents left Arsenal goalkeeper David Seaman stating: "There could be more broken legs this season. Many managers will now feel it necessary to have a goalkeeper as a serious substitute. This season I will be making sure that I participate in more five-a-sides in training because fitness and ball control will now become part and parcel of a keeper's make-up."

Further afield, Bayern Munich have spent money never witnessed before in German football.

The Bavarian club invested over £10 million during the summer including Jorgino, the captain of Brazil, who joined the club for £3 million and 21-year-old midfielder Mehmet

Scholl who was recruited from Karlsruhe for a similar fee.

The signings seemed to have paid dividends, with Bayern winning their opening game of the season 3-0 at Bayer Uerdingen last Saturday. New boss Erick Ribbeck stated: "I am a relieved man. We needed to get off to a good start."

Last season's Bundesliga champions Stuttgart started their defence of the title with a 1-1 draw at Hamburg.

French champions Marseille have appeared to have shot themselves in the foot by selling Papin, Waddle and Steven. They drew their opening game of the season 0-0 with Toulon on Sunday. The result left defender Didier Deschamps conceding: "We have to find a solution to all the problems that have been created, and quickly."

Fayernoord have made their intentions clear in the Dutch League, winning 5-0 at Twente Enschede. Gaston Taument, the Ruud Gullit lookalike, scored twice. Champions PSV cruised to a 2-0 victory over Roda Kerkade. Ajax start their account next weekend.

Finally, the reality of life in the lower divisions caught up with Third Division Maidstone during the week.

The Kent side lost their three-year Football League status on Monday, after building up reported debts in excess of £650,000 and with only two registered players. Like Aldershot, who went out of business in May, they will not be replaced. Instead, the new Third Division will operate with 22 clubs with an amended fixture list.

Team Check

LUTON TOWN

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Colours: White/Blue Shirts
Blue/White Shorts

Manager: David Pleat

Andy Petterson 1
Des Linton 2
Julian James 3
Chris Kamara 4
Trevor Peake 5
John Dreyer 6
Scott Oakes 7
Ceri Hughes 8
Phil Gray 9
David Preece 10
Jamie Campbell 11

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BRISTOL CITY

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Colours: Red Shirts
White Shorts

Manager: Denis Smith

Andy Leaning
Brian Mitchell
Martin Scott
Dave Thompson
Matt Bryant
Russell Osman
Micky Mellon
Dariusz Dziekanowski
Gerry Harrison
Andrew Cole
Gary Shelton

REFEREE: R.L. Bigger (Denton, Norfolk)

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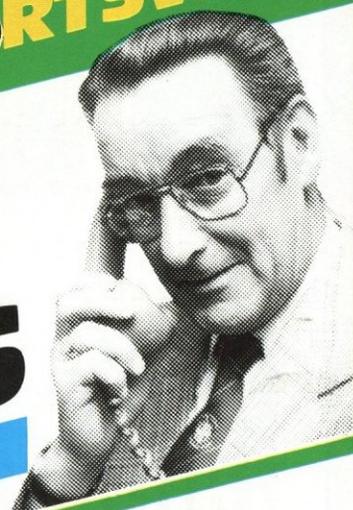


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