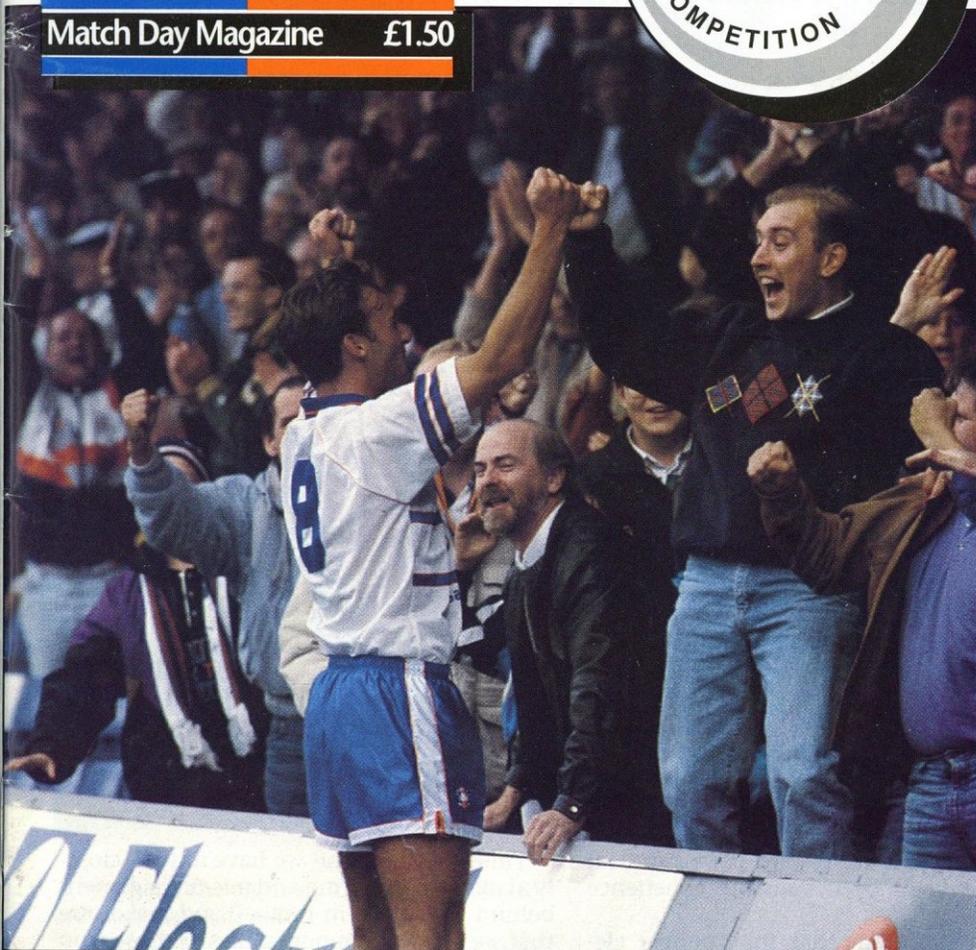


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Confident of an improving situation on the field



MANAGER'S VIEWPOINT BY DAVID PLEAT

Welcome to our guests from Birmingham. Last year they earned a fine promotion and, in a more than successful season, they merited a victory against us in the League Cup.

City are a team with great tradition and a simmering potential following of thousands. They have begun the season very well and their last two results - a strong performance at Millwall and a win at Sunderland - suggest that they could lay claims to a shout in this season's competition.

We also feel quietly confident of an improving situation on the field. We have now played seven games this season, five which have been away from Luton. The last four away performances at Charlton, Newcastle, Brentford and Watford have given me an indication that we are gaining a more solid look.

If we can maintain the verve shown in the games at Brentford, Watford and, in the last home match, against Tranmere, we shall be on the right track. The support in all away games this season has been most heartening and the players appreciate it. The Vicarage Road game on Tuesday almost felt like a home match and our reward if we can beat Bristol City will be a valuable experience against Italian sides.

It is so important that the younger element accelerate their progress and learn from every experience. Defenders Des Linton, Darren Salton and goalkeeper Andy Petterson are responding to the advice and help of the senior professionals Trevor Peake,

Chris Kamara and David Preece. We are delighted to welcome back Marvin Johnson after a season out with injury. Within two months, we hope to welcome back Paul Telfer and Ceri Hughes, two of our brightest hopes.

Martin Williams, our young forward, has returned from his spell in Finland and Paul Wright, from San Diego, is continuing for

"IF WE CAN MAINTAIN THE VERVE SHOWN IN THE GAMES AT BRENTFORD, WATFORD AND AT HOME AGAINST TRANMERE, WE SHALL BE ON THE RIGHT TRACK"

a further month. With the promise of Jamie Campbell and Scott Oakes as an alternative front pairing, I have decided to release Kurt Nogan who refused our contract terms.

Times are tight and we have to look closely at all the squabbling and mis-management behind the scenes in football and make sure that we only give opportunities to those who really deserve it and show that they want to burst barriers to achieve.

Our playing staff is already one of the smallest in the country and almost certainly one of the youngest. If our staff and I can



Steve Claridge and Phil Gray await a corner during our 3-3 match with Tranmere Rovers on September 5.

give them the right guidance, then there are opportunities galore.

Let us hope that today's game is exciting and as fulfilling as recent performances. If you are happy that everyone is giving their lot, then persuade your pals to come along to Kenilworth Road - we need your support.

Enjoy the game

From one extreme to another



PLAYER INTERVIEW WITH STEVE CLARIDGE

Steve Claridge joined Luton Town from local rivals Cambridge United during the summer. Many wondered whether he would be able to cope adjusting from the long-ball game played at the Abbey Stadium, to the neat attractive football played at Kenilworth Road. As we found out from Steve, Town fans should have no worries...

"I am learning all the time," said Steve when we asked him how he is settling in to the Luton style of football. "Obviously after playing the long ball game in its extremist capacity for two-and-a-half years I am going to make the wrong runs sometimes, but it is all starting to click into place.

"One of the reasons why I came here was because I knew David Pleat and Luton Town are known for their football and people must remember, I have been brought up at my other clubs apart from Cambridge to play passing football the right way, so I am not totally alien to playing the ball along the floor and to feet."

Playing in the old Second Division last season, Steve knows that the Town's task of achieving promotion this year is not going to be easy. He said: "Comparing last season to this campaign, I would say that the league is now stronger and it is going to be even harder to gain promotion. There are some very good footballing sides around, and also there are a few teams with money to buy success. Nevertheless, we must just think about ourselves and not worry about anyone else."



Most goalscorers set themselves a target at the beginning of the season, but this is not the case for Steve, who just takes each game as it comes.

"I never set targets because you only disappoint yourself if they are not reached," he stated. "Anyway, I do not class myself as a prolific goalscorer, but more of a forward who creates just as much as he scores."

Claridge's creativity was particularly evident against Tranmere Rovers here at Kenilworth Road a fortnight ago, a game which he also managed to score his first goal for the club - a deflected effort off a Phil Gray shot.

"That was just a fluke - a freak goal," he confessed. "But after I had a goal disallowed against Charlton the luck evened itself out.

"That game against Tranmere proved that the whole side needs to tighten itself up defensively, which is something we have been working on in training. However, we proved that scoring goals was not a problem, and as the relationship between myself and Phil gets stronger, we will go on to achieve greater things."



Universal Salvage Auctions

Welcome to the 'family club'



Children from Hillborough School are the first guests in our community venture.

A party of school children from Hillborough Junior School in Luton are offered a warm welcome today and we hope they enjoy the game. They are here as our guests this afternoon, courtesy of the new community programme sponsored by USA.

Hillborough School, established in 1975 has strong links with Luton Town Football Club going back over many years. Kingsley Black grew up in the Farley Hill area and retained his connection with the people there whilst playing for the club, by opening the school fetes, running penalty competitions and involving himself in local events. So too David Preece is well known by Hillborough pupils for his participation in coaching sessions and presence at festival occasions.

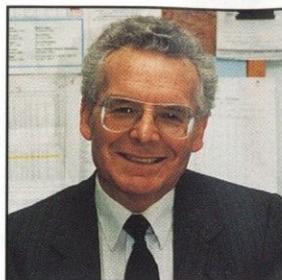
"We are especially delighted and proud to accept the first invitation to schools in the area to come to a match at the club," said Headmaster John Williams who, we hope, will be only the first happy visitor to the 'family club' this season.

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T*his afternoon we extend a warm welcome to the directors and staff of Birmingham City F.C. We hope our visitors, back in the First Division after promotion last season, enjoy their day with us.*

■ A meeting attended by director Peter Collins and myself at Walsall on August 28, endorsed the terms of the television agreement with I.T.V. The overall contract guarantees a minimum annual payment of £5.25 million, upon which the basic award to clubs is based. So far as this club is concerned, it is probable that home regional games will be covered by either Anglia or LWT. To date, no approach or negotiations have taken place on televising any specific fixtures. In any event, Anglia do not intend transmitting live games until Sunday, October 25.

■ Talking of Peter Collins, last Sunday's fine 2-1 win at Brentford was the first time he had seen Luton win away from home since he became a director of the club last year!

■ I would like to draw to the attention of all spectators entering the stadium the notices displayed, which detail the articles that are prohibited and NOT allowed into the ground - these also relate to unacceptable behaviour. Anyone in breach of these regulations subject themselves not only to ejection from the ground, but for more serious offences, arrest by the police.

■ Another important rule is NO SMOKING in and under the Main Stand. The Safety Certificate granted to the Club stipulates the ban and it is essential that we do not put this at risk by us not ensuring the stand is free from the dangers of indiscriminate smokers. I would ask any spectator who witnesses anyone breaking this rule to notify the nearest steward who can then take the necessary action.

■ From time to time, we do receive requests from people wishing to become involved with the Club on match days. In certain instances we can use your help, so if anyone is interested in working as a steward or gateman, then please contact me with employment and background details.

■ Congratulations to Andy Petterson and girlfriend Paula on the birth of their daughter. Also belated wishes and an apology for not mentioning them in the Bristol City programme notes, to Philip and Leslie Gray on the arrival of son James on June 26th.

■ A well-deserved pat on the back goes to 15-year-old schoolboy Paul McLaren from High Wycombe. Paul has been a consistent member of our youth side this season and is, I am sure, looking forward next season to the prospect of a youth trainee contract. According to our youth team coach, the lad has the potential to become a great player if he maintains his current form.

■ Finally, I received this week a letter from a supporter in Zimbabwe who is seeking a pen friend for himself and a friend. Anyone who would like to correspond can do so by writing to the following address. Their names are: Clemence Chimimba and Mashingo Ncube, Simpambaniso Flats, Block No 42058 - 10, 8th Street 10th Road, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

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Win gives us a confident outlook



CAPTAIN'S LOG BY TREVOR PEAKE

A*fter such a long wait, it was pleasing to give our fans something to cheer about at Brentford last Sunday.*

Victory at Brentford on Sunday came as such a relief to all the lads in the dressing room after waiting 18 months for an away win. We went into the game confident of getting a result and we knew we had a base to build on after the 3-3 draw against Tranmere a fortnight ago.

I felt we played some of our best football of the season in the opening 30 minutes with Tranmere, with the visitors unable to threaten our goal area. Positive and negative aspects came out of the game as we managed to create many goalscoring opportunities, but also conceded goals through mis-

takes. We worked on tightening up in training and looked forward to the game at Griffin Park.

Playing on a Sunday does hinder travelling arrangements and I was pleased to see such a good Town turn out on the day. I was pleased with the way we played, particularly defensively, where (excluding myself) we had a fairly inexperienced back four. Darren Salton has only played a handful of games and Marvin Johnson has only just returned to the side after such a long absence through injury. Nevertheless, we contained them and we they did break through our lines, Andy Petterson made some impressive stops. He appears to be getting better with each game under his belt.

The forward partnership of Gray and Claridge is now forming nicely and with time the pairing have the ability to become one of the most potent strike forces in the Division. Steve has settled in well after joining the club in the summer and Phil, at long last, appears to be over his long list of injury problems.

Today's game with Birmingham will be another hard fixture for us. They have started the season remarkably well after promotion from the Third Division and they showed us last season in the Rumbelows Cup that they are a force to be reckoned with. We have a score to settle, and after our victory last weekend, I am confident we can take all three points.



Jason Rees is pictured in subtle action v Tranmere on September 5th.

Enjoy the game



Des Linton is mobbed by ecstatic team-mates after netting his first League goal in our match with Trammere Rovers.

Short the centre of transfer speculation

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NEWS ON ONE

Notts County gained their second away win of the season last Saturday with an impressive 3-1 success at Watford. However, County manager Neil Warnock appears to be losing his battle to retain the services of highly-rated defender Craig Short.

Bids have been made of £2.5 million by Derby County and Blackburn Rovers for the 24-year-old and struggling Liverpool are reported to be watching the player. Short himself believes a move is on the cards. "I don't expect to be here by Christmas," he said. "I have been told which clubs are interested, but the chairman has said he must find a replacement before he will let me go." The answer may have come in the signing of Peterborough centre-back David Robinson, who joined County last week for £300,000.

Newcastle United maintained their impressive start to the season with a 3-1 home win over Portsmouth. Pompey old boy, Mick Quinn, scored twice on his first full appearance of the season after replacing the injured Gavin Peacock. Magpies captain Brian Kilcline explained that their good start may be the key to success. He said: "It was crucial that we did well right from the first whistle. The good results in the early games will be a springboard for us. We have got to feel optimistic now about our chances."

Despite Newcastle's success,

it was the joint management team of Steve Gritt and Alan Curbishley who won the Manager of the Month award for August. Top of the table until last weekend, Charlton Athletic have made an unbeaten start to the season despite extreme financial restrictions surrounding their impending return to the Valley. Director Martin Simons explains the club's precarious position. "Now we are at the top of the League, letters have been pouring in pleading with us not to sell players. The answer though is simple...If we do not raise more cash we will be bankrupt. So, no players sales, no club."

Leicester City's good start was maintained with a hard-

earned 0-0 draw at Wolves. Giant striker Ian Ormondroyd, nicknames 'Stix' by his team mates is confident that the Foxes front line will fire the club into the Premier League. He said: "We will certainly get our fair share of goals this season. Brian Little has bought well, particularly Bobby Davidson from Leeds. We played well together during our two months at Derby when he was on loan there. The other signings, David Lowe and Colin Hill are both excellent additions as well."

Attendances in the First Division are showing a small decrease from the average 10,504 achieved last season. So far this campaign, the average is 10,303.

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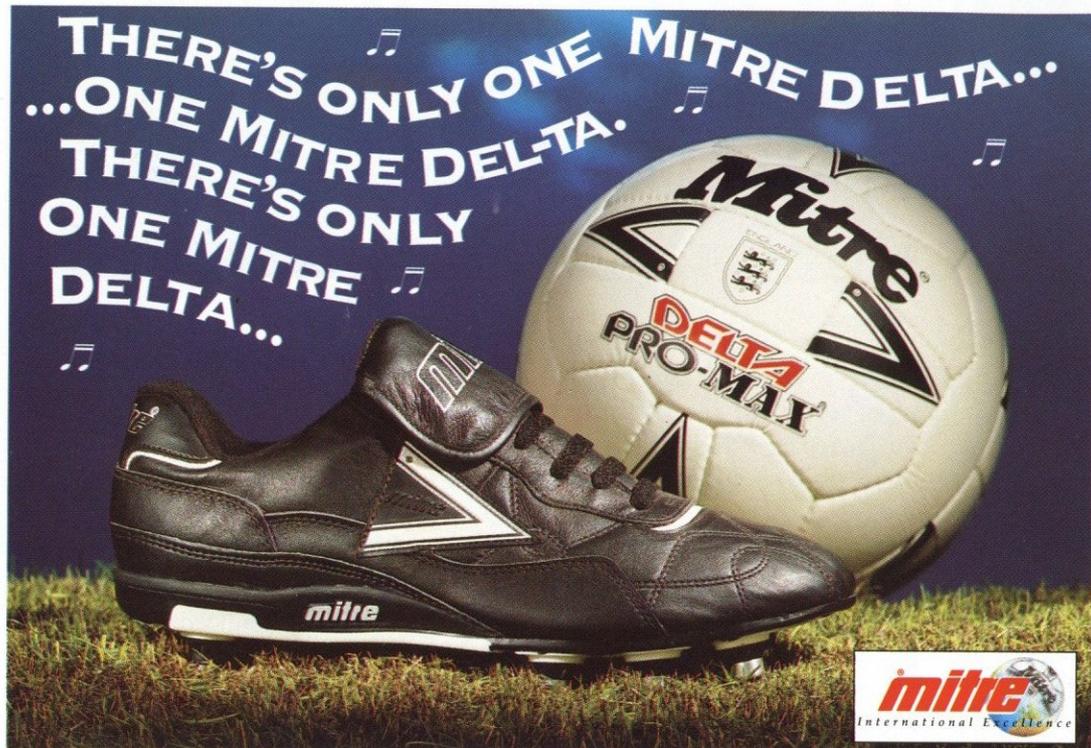
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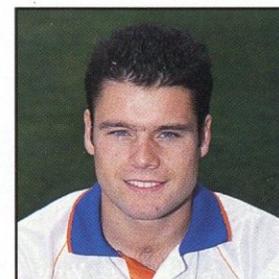
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IMPRESSED WITH KENILWORTH ROAD

Dear Sir,
 I am writing to you to say thank-you for the hospitality shown by all concerned with Luton Town Football Club.

I visited Kenilworth Road on Saturday, August 22 to see my team, Bristol City, play the Hatters and I thoroughly enjoyed my visit. The ground looked brilliant and the stewards were great.

I hope David Pleat will do a good job as he did for Luton a few years ago.

Best wishes for the 92-93 season.

Ian Clapp, 5 Burnbush Close, Stockwood, Bristol BS14 8LQ.

A HOLIDAY PLEA

Dear Sir,
 I am writing to you in an attempt to find someone I met on holiday in Faliraki, Rhodes in the last two weeks of July. His name is Kevin and he told me that he is an avid Luton Town supporter who goes to all Luton matches at Kenilworth Road.

If Kevin, who is 25, or any of his friends reading this letter know of his whereabouts, please can they contact me at the address below.

Sharon Wooley, 64 Old Park Road, Greengates, Bradford, West Yorks BD10 9BG.

MAD ABOUT RICHARD

Dear Sir,
 Please could you print a picture of my favourite player Richard Harvey, who I am glad to see is on the way back to first team action after injury this season.

Miss S. Port, 16 Stevenage Road, Knebworth, Herts SG4 0JD.



TOWN BADGE WANTED

Dear Sir,
 I am a collector of enamel football badges and I would love to add the badge illustrated to my collection.

I am quite willing to pay for any badges received and hope that your supporters can help me in my quest.

Keith Wilkinson, 18 Hinton Street, Fairfield, Liverpool L6 3AR.

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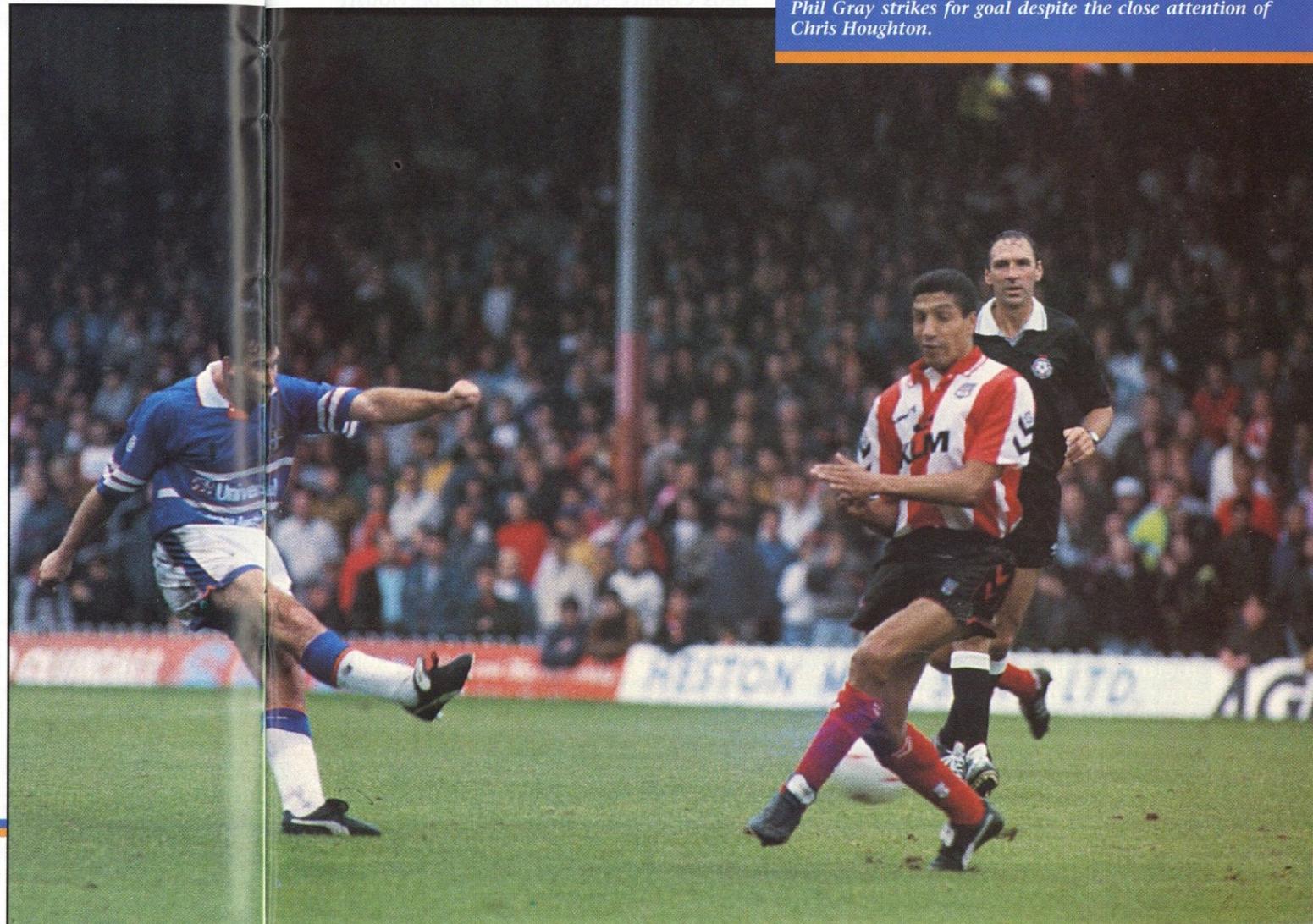
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Jason Rees is halted by the referee as he springs another attack.



Steve Claridge bears down on the Brentford defence.



Phil Gray strikes for goal despite the close attention of Chris Houghton.

We introduce new schoolboy signings

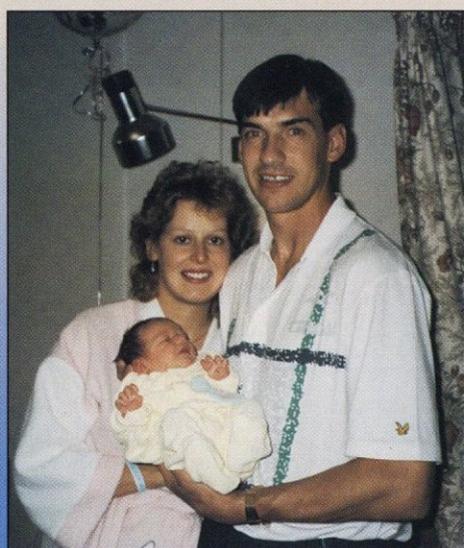


AROUND THE TOWN

SPONSORS WANTED FOR HOSPITAL COMMENTARY

Sponsors are urgently required for the Town's long-standing and successful hospital commentary scheme. New equipment costing £1,000 is needed. The scheme broadcasts match commentaries to hospitals in the area, including the Luton and District and the Lister Hospital in Stevenage.

BABY JOY FOR ALEC



Town keeper Alec Chamberlain is pictured with wife Jane shortly after the arrival of their 7lb 3oz daughter Natasha Louise on August 25, 1992.

ASSOCIATED SCHOOLBOY SIGNINGS

The following boys have been signed on associated schoolboy forms for the 1992-93 season:

Under-16 : Danny Power - Danny is a central midfielder who has represented Luton Schools, the Chiltern League and Beds County Schools. He has previously played for St Josephs F.C. and attends Icknield High School. Jamie Woodsford - Jamie is a centre forward who hails from Ipswich. He has represented Ipswich Schools and attends Chantry School in Ipswich. Ricky Thomas - Ricky is another of our Welsh schoolboy signings. He has represented the Boys Club of South Wales and plays in midfield. Ricky attends the Cyfartha School in Merthyr Tydfil.

Under-15 : Simon Johnson - Simon comes from St Neots and has represented Huntingdon and Cambridge County Schools. A right-back or central defender, Simon attends the Ernulf Community School in Eynesbury.

WELSH CALL-UP FOR YOUTH PAIR

Town youth team players Neil Watkins and John Hartson have been picked to represent Wales for their European Youth Championship qualifying match with Israel on Wednesday, September 23 at Ninian Park, Cardiff.

REPLICA-SHIRT LOGO

If you would like to have our sponsor's name, Universal Salvage Auctions, put on your replica shirt free of charge, please bring it to either the Oak Road or Kenilworth Road Sports Shop between Monday, September 21 and Saturday, October 3. The logo will then be printed and should be returned to Luton by Friday, October 9.

Latest Ticket Office news



BY CHERRY NEWBERY

Luton Town v Plymouth Argyle

COCA-COLA CUP 2ND ROUND, 1ST LEG

Wednesday, September 23, 1992 - Kick-off 7.45 pm
Tickets are now available from the Ticket Office. Normal League prices and guesting facilities apply.

Notts County v Luton Town

Barclays League Division One

Saturday, September 26, 1992 - Kick-off 3.00 pm
Seats are only available for Luton supporters for this match, priced at £9.00 (no concessions) from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road until Thursday 24th September at 5.00 pm. Seats are also available on the day at Meadow Lane.

Luton Town v Bristol City

ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP, PRELIMINARY ROUND

Tuesday, September 29, 1992 - Kick-off 7.45 pm
Tickets are now available for this match, normal League prices and guesting facilities apply.

Please note that this match is being played on a Tuesday due to there being a live European match being televised on the Wednesday.

Luton Town v Portsmouth

Barclays League Division One

Saturday, October 3, 1992 - Kick-off 3.00 pm
Tickets for this match are now on sale. Normal League prices and guesting facilities apply. Discounted prices apply until September 19.

Plymouth Argyle v Luton Town

COCA-COLA CUP 2ND ROUND, 2ND LEG

Tuesday, October 6, 1992 - Kick-off 7.45 pm
Seats priced at £9.00 (no concessions) are available from the Ticket Office until 5.15 pm on Saturday, October 3 and also on the night at Plymouth.

Standing priced at £5.50 (no concessions) pay on the night at the turnstile only.

Ticket Office Hours

Monday - Friday 10 am - 5 pm. Non-match Saturdays 10 am - 1 pm.
Match Saturdays 9 am to kick-off, after the match 4.45 pm - 5.15 pm. For bookings, membership and enquiries, ring the Ticket Office on 0582 416976. Supporters wishing to order by credit card can also do so by using the 24 hour Credit Card Hotline on 0582 30748.

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Nottingham, Notts NG2 3HJ.
Telephone: 0602 861155.

Take the M1 north to junction 24, across Trent Bridge then into London Road. Turn right into Cattle Market Road, then right into meadow Lane for ground. There is a car park available on the Cattle Market, 400 yards from ground.
Nearest railway: Nottingham Midland

Plymouth Argyle
(Home Park Ground)
Address: Home Park, Plymouth, Devon PL2 1BQ. Telephone: 0752 562561.

Take the A38 Plymouth by-pass to Tavistock Road. Branch left onto the A386 the turn right, then left into Outland Road (A3041) for ground. Free car parking is available for 2,000 cars next to ground.
Nearest Railway: Plymouth

Bobbers Travel Club
Coaches for the trip to NOTTS COUNTY will cost adults £6.50 and children/OAP's £5.20. Coaches will depart from Cranfield at 10.30 am and from Luton at 11.30 am.

All bookings, and information on the trip to Plymouth can be made by telephoning Paul Deason on (0234) 750996. Alternatively, you can book by seeing Paul or any other BTC members at the Ticket Kiosk in Kenilworth Road or on the return journey from the previous away match.

City looking to bury 'Sleeping Giant' tag



BIRMINGHAM CITY F.C. 1992-93

■ Birmingham City visit Kenilworth Road today riding high in Division One after a very promising start to the season which has seen them remain unbeaten, winning four of their opening six matches. The victories came against Notts County (H) 1-0, Cambridge United (A) 3-0, Grimsby Town (H) 2-1 and Southend United (H) 2-0.

■ It has been a fairytale year-and-a-half for the St Andrews side who, since winning the Leyland Daf Trophy at Wembley in May 1991, have gone from strength to strength. The final saw City take on Tranmere Rovers in front of over 50,000 fans at Wembley. Two strikes from John Gayle and a third by lead-

ing marksman Stuart Sturridge were enough to give City a 3-0 victory and a base on which to build for the 1991-92 campaign.

■ Mr Cooper replaced Lou Macari at the helm last summer and introduced Paul Mardon, Louie Donowa and Mark Cooper to an already promising and mainly home-grown lineup. The Club took the Third Division by storm, gaining promotion by finishing second in the League and regularly attracting crowds around the 15,000 mark. Their local derby games with West Bromwich Albion saw an aggregate number of 26,838 fans pass through the turnstiles.

■ The club now aim to return to where they believe

they rightfully belong - playing top flight football. As shown by the high attendances and team performances last term, the club has potential and is regarded as a sleeping giant. Players such as Sheffield Wednesday boss Trevor Francis, England international Bob Latchford and former Town striker Bob Hatton all graced the First Division stage in City colours, and it is those past glories which the City faithful are hoping will return come May next year.

■ Birmingham's Leyland Daf success was the club's first since they lifted the Football League Cup in 1963. They have also won the Division Two title on four occasions in 1893, 1921, 1948 and 1955.



Back row (left to right): Simon Sturridge, Louie Donowa, Paul Tait, Martin Thomas, Martin Hicks, John Gayle, Andy Gosney, Matthew Fox, Jason Beckford, Paul Holmes.
Middle row (left to right): Brian Caswell, Graham Potter, Trevor Matthewson, Nigel Gleghorn, Dean Peer, Paul Mardon, Ian Atkins, Mark Sale, Alan O'Neill, David Foy, Darren Rogers, David Rennie, Tony Taylor.
Front row (left to right): Paul Heath, Ian Rodgeron, Carl Adams, Eric Hogan, Paul Jones, Darren Rowbotham, Mark Cooper, Ian Clarkeson, John Frain, Terry Cooper.

CITY ON PARADE

ANDY GOSNEY (goalkeeper) - Andy has established himself as first-choice keeper this season, taking over the reins from Martin Thomas. He started his career at Portsmouth in 1982, but only made limited appearances with the south coast club.

IAN CLARKESON (defender) - Local product, Ian progressed through the ranks at City as a Y.T.S. trainee, making his debut in a 5-3 defeat at Barnsley in 1988. He has since established himself as a first team regular.

PAUL MARDON (defender/midfield) - Paul joined City last season following a move from Bristol City. He made his league debut for the Robins in a 2-0 defeat against Preston North End in 1988 and went on to make nearly 100 appearances.

TREVOR MATTHEWSON (defender) - An experienced defender who made his league debut for Sheffield Wednesday in 1981, Trevor has also played for Newport and Stockport County. After a brief spell with Lincoln in 1989, he joined City and was a regular last season.

JOHN FRAIN (defender) - Yet another Y.T.S. success, John missed only three games last season and has played over 150 times for the Blues since his debut in 1986. John is the club's penalty taker.

DARREN ROGERS (defender) - Darren served his apprenticeship with West Bromwich Albion. When Ossie Ardiles took over as manager at the Hawthorns, he moved to the Blues on a free transfer.

NIGEL GLEGHORN (midfield/forward) - Nigel started his career with non-league Seaham before joining Ipswich Town in 1985. He spent three years at Portman Road before moving on to Manchester City. He was transferred to St Andrews in 1989.

MARK COOPER (midfield) - Son of manager Terry, Mark followed his father from Exeter early last season after scoring 15 goals in his final season at St James' Park. He has since established himself as a regular in the side and is a crowd favourite.

PAUL TAIT (midfield) - Paul has fought his way back into the side after injury. He returned to action in late 1991 after 10 months out with a broken leg. Paul is another former trainee with the Blues.

LOUIE DONOWA (forward) - Former England under-21 international, Louie joined the Blues from Bristol City for £500,000 last season. He started his career at Norwich City and also had a spell at East Anglian neighbours Ipswich Town.

SIMON STURRIDGE (forward) - Simon progressed through the junior ranks at St Andrews, making his league debut v West Brom in 1988. A prolific goalscorer, Simon was City's top-scorer in 1991.

JASON BECKFORD (forward) - A £50,000 signing from Manchester City, Jason is a former England youth international and had spells at Blackburn and Port Vale on loan before joining the St Andrews club in the summer.

DARREN ROWBOTHAM (forward) - A £20,000 buy from Torquay last season, Darren made his name with Exeter where he scored 41 league goals in two seasons. He played his part in City's promotion success last season.

THE MAN IN CHARGE

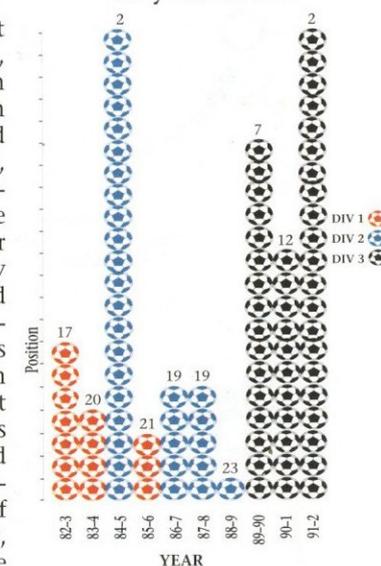


Terry Cooper started his footballing career with Leeds United in 1963 and went on to establish himself in a side which won the FA Cup, Fairs Cup and League Championship. His impressive

form at left-back earned him England honours, making his debut v France in 1969.

After 11 years at Elland Road, Terry moved on to Middlesbrough where he enjoyed three full seasons, making 105 appearances. He later played for Bristol clubs City and Rovers and went on to manage both as his apprenticeship in management begun. Four years ago he joined Exeter City, taking the club out of Division Four, and last season he took the reins at St Andrews, gaining promotion to Division One at the first attempt.

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THE PERSON BEHIND THE PLAYER

Name: Scott Oakes

Birthplace: Leicester

Date of Birth: 5.8.72

Height: 5ft 11½ ins

Weight: 11 stone 6lbs

Signed from: Leicester City, October 1991

Previous club: Leicester City

Luton Town debut: v Norwich City (A), Div 1, 26.10.91

International honours: I was picked to represent the England under-21 squad on the trip to Hungary last year. Although I did not get on the pitch, it was a good experience and hopefully I will get another chance this season.

Family: Mum - Sue, Dad - Trevor (who everyone knows was in Showaddywaddy), Brother - Stefan, and sister - Sekao (which is 'Oakes' backwards).

Car: Renault GT Turbo

Starsign: Leo

Top television programmes: I like any programmes which are funny. Blackadder is a particular favourite and it has me in stitches.

Top television commentator: I only usually watch brief highlights on television, so I would say that I do not have a favourite.

Best recent film/video seen: What About Bob - A hilarious film!

Hobbies: Like many footballers I like all sports. You name it, I play it. If I had to pick one other favourite though, I would say tennis.

Who did you support as a boy: My home town team Leicester City. When I was younger I tried to get to Filbert Street about once a month.

Favourite away ground and why: Hillsborough, because

I scored my first league goal there last season for Luton. It also has a tremendous atmosphere generated by their home end.

Boots worn: I wear Adidas World Cup for studs, and Puma Kings for moulded. Both boots stretch well and are made from extremely soft leather.

What qualifications did you get at school and subsequently, what would you be doing now if you wasn't a footballer: I managed to get O levels in Design and English, but if I was not a footballer I would have tried to become a tennis player.

What has been the highlight of your career in football: So far it has to be playing regular league football and also my England recognition. Being treated so well by the Luton fans has also been a big bonus.

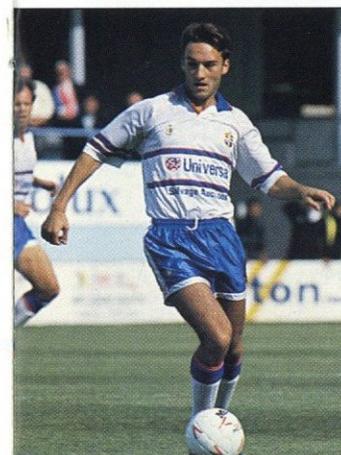
Who is your favourite player, both past and present: George Best (past) and Glenn Hoddle (present). Best was such a natural player who stood out from all around him. Glenn's vision, ball control and passing ability is a joy to watch.

What single piece of advice would you give to any young footballer hoping to make the grade: Stick at it and put in 100 per cent at all times. When your coach talks to you always listen to what he has to say and remember it.

What young Town player do you tip to make the grade in the coming seasons: I have only been here a year, but from what I have seen, John Hartson looks a fine prospect. His goalscoring record this season speaks for itself.

What are your main ambitions in football: To have a good season here at Luton and establish myself as a regular in the first team. Hopefully then the England honours will again come.

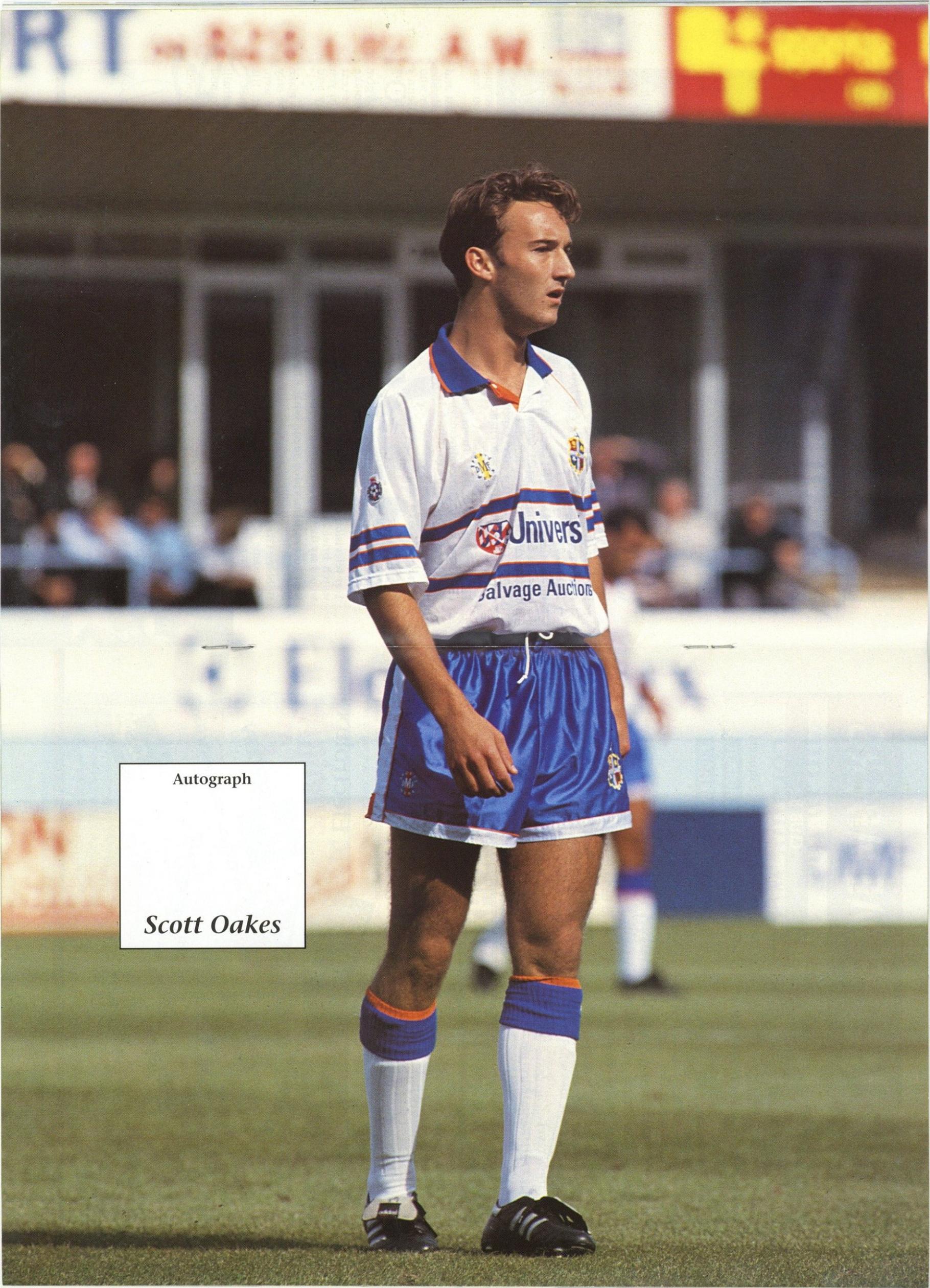
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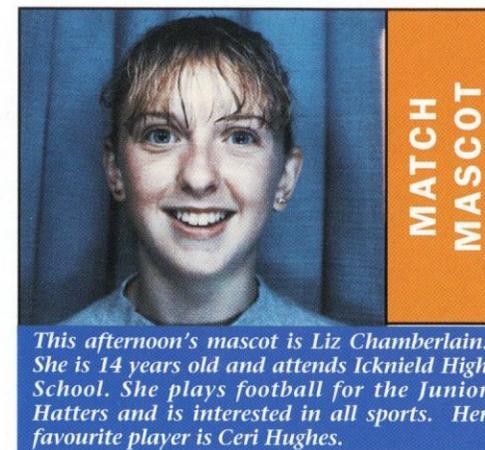
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Plenty of events lined up in the coming weeks

JUNIOR HATTERS WITH RICHARD HARVEY



This afternoon's mascot is Liz Chamberlain. She is 14 years old and attends Icknield High School. She plays football for the Junior Hatters and is interested in all sports. Her favourite player is Ceri Hughes.

Welcome all Junior Hatters and their parents to this afternoon's game with high-flying Birmingham City. We also welcome the Junior Blues who are watching the game.

Both sets of supporters have been playing football this morning, so I hope you all had a good time and scored plenty of goals!

Next week we are running a coach to Notts County (Saturday September 26th). The coach will leave from the top of Oak Road at 9.00am and the price is £8.00 for juniors and £9.00 for parents. If you would like to play for the Junior Hatters then please call into the Oak Road or Kenilworth Road Sports Shop and put your name down. A packed lunch is recommended for this trip and please book early to avoid disappointment. The price includes coach travel and match ticket.

On Saturday 3rd October we will be entertaining the junior supporters from Portsmouth at the Town's training ground. If you would like to play football for the Junior Hatters that day, please call into the Oak Road Shop and see Bev Tyler to put your name down.

A popular event which returns this season is the Junior Hatters meeting. We will be holding the first on Friday 25th September at the Club Room at the Training Ground, Ely Way, off Oakley Road, Luton commencing at 6.30pm. The meeting will aim to plan activities for the season. So, if you have any ideas then please come along and let us know what you would like to do.

If you are not a member of the Junior Hatters you can join on the night. (Membership ran out on the 31st August). It will cost you £3.00 to join and you can obtain an application from either sports shop, so don't delay join today!

Today's lucky Junior Hatter membership number is 1072....PAUL TWITCHEN. Paul wins two complimentary tickets to one of our home games this season. To claim your prize, please call into the Oak Road Sports Shop and please bring your membership card with you.

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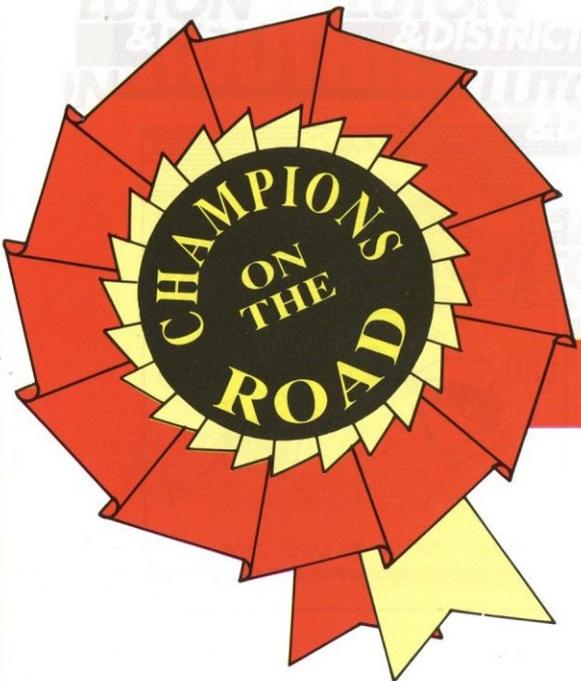
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Steve Claridge is congratulated by our Scottish Under-21 international Darren Salton, after scoring his first goal for the club, against Tranmere Rovers.



Indifferent spell from both our sides



RESERVES AND YOUTH BY TERRY WESTLEY & WAYNE TURNER

Neville Ovenden Football Combination 1992/93 League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	4	3	1	0	14	5	10
Chelsea	3	2	1	0	10	5	7
Southampton	3	2	1	0	8	5	7
Portsmouth	4	2	1	1	7	5	7
Arsenal	3	2	0	1	9	3	6
Millwall	3	2	0	1	9	6	6
Q.P.R.	4	1	3	0	6	5	6
Watford	3	1	2	0	5	4	5
West Ham United	4	1	1	2	9	7	4
Charlton Athletic	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
Wimbledon	3	1	1	1	6	6	4
Swindon Town	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Fulham	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Ipswich Town	3	1	1	1	4	5	4
LUTON TOWN	4	1	1	2	4	7	4
Oxford United	3	1	1	1	3	8	4
Brighton & H.A.	3	1	0	2	2	8	3
Norwich City	4	0	1	3	5	10	1
Tottenham Hotspur	3	0	0	3	2	8	0
Bristol City	3	0	0	3	4	11	0

Neville Ovenden Football Combination Fixtures Season 1992/93

Mon 17 Aug	Millwall 1-2	Tue 29 Dec	Arsenal
Mon 24 Aug	Fulham 2-1	Mon 4 Jan	Bristol City
Mon 31 Aug	Queens Park Rangers 0-0	Mon 11 Jan	Chelsea
Mon 7 Sept	Crystal Palace 1-4	Mon 18 Jan	Arsenal
Mon 14 Sept	Tottenham Hotspur 1-4	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 and 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

Luton Town 0 Q.P.R. 0

Neville Ovenden Football Combination, Monday, August 31, 1992.

Faced against a Queens Park Rangers team which fielded regular first team squad members, the Town came away with a creditable 0-0 draw. Coach Wayne Turner said: "We faced a very strong team in Q.P.R. I felt we started very well and had two great chances to score, but as the first half wore on, we tended to drop too deep at the back which allowed Rangers to pass the ball around us." Turner particularly praised keeper Juergen Sommer, who kept the Town in the game at times. "We tightened up in the second half," he continued. "and with Juergen having a fine game we deserved the draw."

Team: Sommer, Allpress, Gillard, Thorpe, Greene, Johnson, Oakes, Campbell, Brooks, Wright, Flain. Subs: Murray, Nogan.

Crystal Palace 4 Luton Town 1

Neville Ovenden Football Combination, Monday, September 7, 1992.

Our reserve string suffered their heaviest defeat of the season so far at Plough Lane, Wimbledon against Palace. Coach Wayne Turner said: "We had our strongest team out, yet we never performed to our capabilities. Our passing and movement was better than our previous match and we scored a good goal though Chris Brooks. However, in both 18 yard boxes, we were second best."

Team: Sommer, Linton, Johnson, Harvey, Greene, Dreyer, Murray, Campbell, Nogan, Oakes, Wright. Subs: Allpress, Brooks 1.

Match Report

Reading 1 Luton Town 4

South East Counties League Division Two, Saturday, August 22, 1992.

The Town's youth side continued their emphatic start to the season with a fine win at Reading. The first half, however, was not to coach Terry Westley's satisfaction. "Our first half performance was a hangover from the previous Saturday's 8-0 win, with all 11 players performing as individuals," he said. "In the second half we shortened the game up by playing through the midfield and we then looked much more like a team."

Team: Watkins, Philp, McLaren, Skelton, Rioch, Jukes, Woolgar, Draper, Butler, Hartson 4, Goodfellow. Subs: Brittain, Campbell.

Luton Town 1 Colchester United 2

South East Counties League Division Two, Saturday, August 29, 1992.

After a fine start to the season, our youth side came down to earth with a home defeat against newcomers Colchester United. Coach Terry Westley stated: "With confidence sky high, this unfortunately led to our first defeat. Our defence took too many risks, the midfield wanted too many touches and the front players took too many liberties. We passed the ball well, but didn't threaten Colchester's defence enough. So it is back to basics..."

Team: Kuntz, Jukes, Rioch, Simpson, McLaren, Philp, Butler, Woolgar, Hartson 1, Skelton, Goodfellow. Subs: Draper, McDonagh.

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	4-1
Sat 29 Aug	Colchester United	1-2
Sat 5 Sep	Tottenham Hotspur	2-0
Thu 10 Sept	Chelsea (SJFC 1)	1-1
Sat 12 Sept	AFC Bournemouth	0-2
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	

South East Counties League Division Two Appearances and Goalscorers 1992-93

	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	1(1)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Butler	4	3	1	1	-	-	-	-
Campbell	-(3)	-	-(1)	-	-	-	-	-
Draper	2(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goodfellow	3(1)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Hartson	4	10	1	-	-	-	-	-
Jukes	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Kuntz	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
McDonagh	1(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
McLaren	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Philp	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Rioch	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Simpson	2	-	-(1)	-	-	-	-	-
Skelton	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Watkins	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Woolgar	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

South East Counties League Division Two 1992/93

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Colchester United	4	2	0	2	5	5	4
Brighton & H.A.	4	2	0	2	8	9	4
Crystal Palace	3	1	0	2	7	6	2
Tottenham Hotspur	4	1	0	3	7	13	2
Bristol Rovers	4	1	0	3	6	17	2
Oxford United	4	0	0	4	7	13	0
Reading	3	0	0	3	2	12	0

Reserves - Appearances and Goalscorers 1992-93

	Football Combination App	Goals	Beds Premier App	Cup -Goals
Allpress	2(1)	-	-	-
Allpress	2(1)	-	-	-
Brooks	1(2)	1	-	-
Campbell	2	-	-	-
Claridge	1	-	-	-
Dreyer	1	-	-	-
Flain	1	-	-	-
Gillard	2	-	-	-
Greene	3	-	-	-
Harvey	1	-	-	-
Johnson	3	-	-	-
Linton	1	-	-	-
Murray	1(1)	-	-	-
Nogan	2(1)	-	-	-
Oakes	2	-	-	-
Rees	1	-	-	-
Salton	1	-	-	-
Skelton	-(1)	-	-	-
Sommer	3	-	-	-
Thorpe	2	1	-	-
Wright	3	-	-	-

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Phil Gray is pictured in delicate action v Tranmere.



Julian James mounts an attack against Tranmere.



Victory over Blues a long time coming

BACK TRACKING BY ROGER WASH



Following our first meeting with today's visitors Birmingham City, way back in 1898, it took fully 56 years before we could register a victory. The Blues can therefore be regarded as our bogey side "par excellence".

The first clash at Muntz Street, Small Heath, on 12th February 1898 saw the Town lose 4-2 and this trend continued throughout our three seasons in the Football League at the back end of the last century. Our 9-0 defeat at Birmingham in 1898/99 remains a record, hopefully, never to be beaten.

Luckily, we did not meet again until after World War II but time did not dull the memory as five straight defeats proved before a solitary home draw was achieved in April 1951. Four defeats

and a further draw followed before the duck was finally broken with a memorable 2-0 victory at Kenilworth Road in September 1953 when George Cummins scored with his first goal for the club.

With both sides promoted together in 1955, paths continued to cross until our relegation in 1960 but the First Division fixtures were always rather dull affairs with neither side gaining the upper hand. The Town gained a fair amount of good publicity for one performance during this period,

however, when they battled to a 0-0 draw at St Andrews in September 1955 after the team bus was involved in a serious accident at Warwick on the way to the game.

On now to the early 70's with both clubs in Division Two and, at last, some exciting games to talk about. A late Malcolm Macdonald penalty secured the Town's first away point of the season in the 1-1 draw at St Andrews in August 1970 but it was Viv Busby who stole the honours in the return the following April. He scored twice in the 3-2 win after the Blues had taken an early two goal lead watched by a crowd of 25,172.

The following season saw Birmingham return to the top flight but it was only a very late goal by future Town favourite Bob Hatton that ensured the points at St Andrews in March 1972. If memory serves me correctly, we crossed the half-way line only from goal kicks in this game!"

We met again in 1974/75 during our brief sojourn in Division One. Trevor Francis scored a hat-trick in a 3-1 win at Kenilworth Road to

ruin my wedding day, but a pair of goals from Adrian Alston helped the Town to a surprise 4-1 victory in the return to set up yet another fighting chance to avoid relegation.

The Blues joined us in Division Two in 1979/80 with four Keith Bertschin goals spread over the two games, meaning the Town had nothing to show from a couple of fighting performances.

On to Division One again with goals from Brian Stein, Paul Walsh and David Moss securing a 3-2 victory at St Andrews in October 1982. Ricky Hill and Brian Horton scored later on in the season in a 3-1 win to complete our first "double" over the Blues.



Paul Walsh scored against the Blues ten years ago at St Andrews.

Our second double came in 1985/86 following our last League meetings. Goals from Brian Stein and Mick Harford saw the Blues off at

Kenilworth Road with Harford scoring twice more against his old club in the return to virtually confirm relegation.

A HATTER AND A BLUE

Described in many quarters as one of football's "nomads", Bob Hatton played for ten clubs in a career which saw him score goals regularly at all levels.

Bob started with Wolves in 1966 before moving in quick succession to Bolton, Northampton and Carlisle, but it was probably at Birmingham, where he went for a big fee in 1971, that he enjoyed the most successful time of his career, playing alongside the likes of Trevor Francis and Bob Latchford.

After five years at City, a short spell at Blackpool followed, before David Pleat enticed him to Kenilworth Road in 1978 where he was instrumental in the development of the young Brian Stein.

After two seasons at Luton, he enjoyed further periods of League football at Sheffield United and Cardiff before coming out of retirement to make one appearance for Dundalk in the Irish Cup.

Bob still lives in the Birmingham area and remains a season ticket holder at St Andrews.

NOTE: Jimmy Husband was not the first player to score four goals in a game for the Town, but the first since John O'Rourke - the vital words cut out by the gremlins in our last issue!

5 It happened five years ago:- 19/9/87 - A dismal 1-0 defeat at Charlton with Micky Weir coming on as substitute for his Football League debut.

10 It happened ten years ago:- 18/9/82 - In a game where it was true to say that the opposition was lucky to get nil, Brighton were beaten by five clear goals at Kenilworth Road. Brian Stein scored three, Wayne Turner netted with an overhead kick and David Moss notched a rare header.

15 It happened fifteen years ago:- 17/9/77 - A boring 0-0 home draw with Blackburn in Division Two watched by a crowd of 9,149.

20 It happened twenty years ago:- 16/9/72 - Goals from Rodney Fern and Vic Halom were enough to secure the points in a 2-1 home win over newly promoted Brighton. The victory pushed the Town up to fourth place in Division Two.

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	22	6	5	11	27	30
Away	22	4	6	12	22	46
Summary	44	10	11	23	49	76

Malcolm Macdonald is pictured in action against Birmingham City in 1972.



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Britons face harsh reality of Italian football

SCENE AROUND EUROPE

The Italian League kicked-off a fortnight ago for us all to see live on British television. We waited with baited breath to see how the three Britons Paul Gascoigne, Des Walker and David Platt would cope in the 'pressure cooker' atmosphere of Serie A and as we found out, it was an indifferent start for all three.

Most disappointing of all was Paul Gascoigne's omission from the Lazio starting line-up for their opening game with Sampdoria. With half of Rome eagerly awaiting his debut, it was announced by coach Dino Zoff that the England midfielder would not be fully fit for League action until the end of the month. Instead, it gave Lazio's three other foreign stars Reidle, Doll and Winter the chance to prove their worth, although it is expected that Winter will lose his place on Gazza's return.

The game itself was so unlike the tight marking and little opportunity so often associated with Italian football. Des Walker was given a fierce baptism of fire on his Sampdoria debut as the game ended 3-3. Walker stuck manfully to his task, but he took over an hour to get to grips with the pace and intelligent running off the ball which he must contain for the rest of his Italian career. "That was an experience I will not forget for a long time," said Walker after the match. "From just this one match I can see that my mind will become just as important as my feet."

David Platt started his £7.5 million career with giants Juventus on the substitutes' bench. This could become a regular occurrence for the former Aston Villa star as coach Giovanni Trapattoni prefers to play a tighter

game away from home.

The opening game of the season saw German defensive midfielder Andreas Moeller take the place of Platt in Juve's 0-0 away draw with Sardinian side Cagliari, but in Italy home wins and away draws are placed on an equal footing. After the game, Platt was diplomatic about starting on the bench, but was obviously disappointed. He said: "Of course I would have preferred to have played, but it is a decision that I've got to accept and pretend to myself that I'm injured or suspended."



Des Walker was given a fierce baptism in Italian Football a fortnight ago.

"I want to play every week and maybe things will change as the season unfolds."

The main story to break in Spain during the past fortnight has been yet another incident involving the controversial Atletico Madrid president Jesus Gil. He has insisted that newspapers pay £11,000 each and radio networks up to £194,000 to cover home

matches. Since the decision, the Newspaper Association in Spain has brought charges to Gil of coercion and gagging the right of public information.

In Holland, Dutch champions PSV Eindhoven drew first blood against their rivals Ajax with a 2-1 win in the Olympic Stadium, Amsterdam. PSV won the match without star striker Romario, suspended for failing to turn up for training.

Sales pleasing despite the recession



COMMERCIAL FOCUS BY ANDY KING AND JOHN BUTTLE

Today, we give further details of the facilities which are on offer from the commercial department to companies or individuals at Kenilworth Road.

In an earlier programme, we gave details of our ball and kit sponsorship schemes. Whilst we are pleased to report these are being taken up on an ever-increasing basis for which we thank all concerned, there are still opportunities for you to become involved!

We also have 28 Executive Boxes at Kenilworth Road and it is pleasing to report that even in these times of recession when companies large and small are having to look very carefully at what they spend on entertaining, the majority have again been let for the 1992-93 season. Many of these companies/individuals have been with us for several seasons and we thank them for their continued support. To the new boxholders we extend a very warm welcome indeed. Whilst on the subject, we do still have a few boxes available for either seasonal letting or on a match day basis which affords even the individual supporter the opportunity to entertain their family and friends, for perhaps a son

or daughter's birthday or some other celebration.

Catering is available varying from tea, coffee and biscuits to a full sit down meal with waitress service. To find out more, please call the commercial department on (0582) 411622.

We also have within the stadium complex extensive facilities to cater for your banqueting or conference requirements from a business meeting, lunch or dinners, to birthday/anniversary celebrations as well as wedding receptions. Our catering department prides itself on personal service and can provide quality refreshments to compliment any occasion.

Why not have your Christmas party in the Hatters Restaurant this year? We do have plenty of car parking space.

Please ring our banqueting and catering hotline on (0582) 411526 for further information. They will be very pleased to assist in any way they can.

FACE IN THE CROWD

Are you the face ringed at our match at Brentford last Sunday?

If you are, please contact the commercial department on (0582) 411622 to pick up your complimentary ticket for a Town home game this season!



MATCH BALL SPONSOR

Today's match ball has been sponsored by a devoted Luton Town supporter of many years who wishes to remain anonymous, but who has asked for the ball to be given to the Luton and South Beds Hospice to assist them in their fund raising activities. We hope to present the ball to a representative of the hospice on some future occasion.

We extend our sincere appreciation for this very kind and generous gesture.

DO NOT FORGET

If the first team are playing away and you cannot make the trip, you can always dial the Luton Town Clubcall for live match commentary. The number to ring is 0898 12 11 23.

David Preece presents Clubcall guest Dominic Harris with the match ball after our match with Bristol City last month. The gift was a nice surprise for Dominic who is shortly emigrating to Australia.



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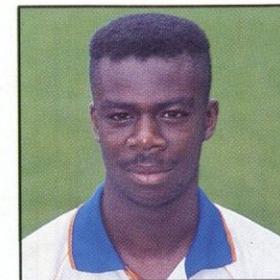
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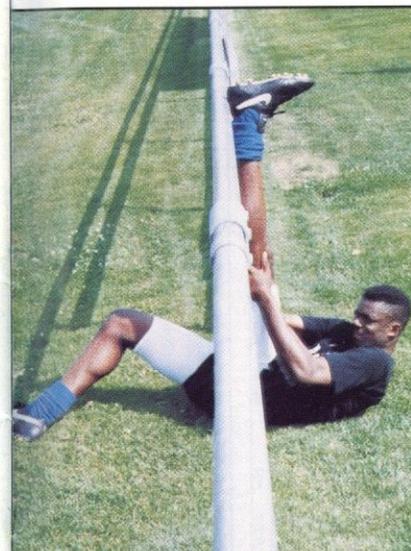
Marvin's just glad to be back



PLAYER INTERVIEW WITH MARVIN JOHNSON

It has been a difficult year for defender Marvin Johnson. A ruptured achilles tendon kept him out of action for much of last season, but after making the substitutes' bench against Bristol City, Newcastle and Tranmere and playing against Brentford, Marvin is back and raring to go...

"It was disappointing to pick up the injury after establishing myself as a first team regular," reflected Marvin. "It



happened on the training pitch in May last year - at first I did not know the extent of the damage, but to find out that I had ruptured my achilles was a devastating blow."

As the rest of the first team prepared for the start of the 1991-92 season, Marvin was subjected to hours of treat-

ment and regular visits to Lilleshall, the F.A. centre for the treatment of injuries.

"It was very frustrating seeing the lads in pre-season training, knowing that I could not join in. Not only that, I also missed out on all the dressing room banter which happens when you are out for any length of time.

"Although Lilleshall has the reputation of being a bit of a 'concentration camp', I was happy being there because you do not get down - everyone is in the same boat. With Ceri Hughes and Mick O'Brien out for lengthy spells last season, I was not alone, and we all helped each other out."

Marvin finally returned to the football pitch towards the back end of last season in the reserves, but only now, 16 months after the injury, does he feel he is approaching full fitness.

"Pre-season was important for me to show that I was on the way back," he continued. "I picked-up a hamstring strain before the first match in Sweden, but I managed to play in two games - it was great just

to be back in the fold."

The long, hard road to recovery finally ended when Marvin appeared shortly before the end of the disappointing match with Bristol City.

"It was nice to finally run out again and play League football," he said. "I felt comfortable for the short time I was on the pitch, and it is a good base on which to build. The manager is giving us all a chance, so it is up to me to take mine."

Despite the Town's average start to the season, Marvin is quick to point out that there is a long way to go in the championship race.

"It's early doors," he said. "There is such a lot to play for, so we must not get down-hearted. I believe we can go far this season, using the experience we picked up in the old First Division.

"I am sure that when we are playing on a cold winter's night in Barnsley, for example, the thought of getting back in the Premier League should be a big enough incentive to do well. We must be hungry for it."

Aug 15	Leicester City	1-2	17,428	16	Petterson	Linton	James	Kamara	Peake	Dreyer	(Oakes)	Hughes	Gray	Preese	CAMPBELL	(Claridge)	Salton
Aug 22	Bristol City	0-3	7,926	22	Petterson	Linton	James	Kamara	Peake	Dreyer	Claridge	Hughes	Gray	Preese	Campbell	(Oakes)	(Johnson)
Aug 29	Charlton Athletic	0-0	6,302	21	Petterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Dreyer	Claridge	Hughes	Gray	Preese	Rees	(Oakes)	Campbell
Sept 2	Newcastle United	0-2	27,054	21	Petterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Dreyer	Claridge	Oakes	Gray	Preese	(Rees)	Johnson	(Campbell)
Sept 5	Tranmere Rovers	3-3	6,801	23	Petterson	LINTON	James	Salton	Peake	Dreyer	CLARIDGE	OAKES	(Gray)	Preese	Rees	Johnson	(Campbell)
Sept 13	Brentford	2-1	7,310	19	Petterson	Linton	JAMES	Salton	Peake	Johnson	Claridge	Kamara	GRAY	Preese	Rees	(Oakes)	Campbell
Sept 15	Watford (AFC)	0-0	5,197	-	Petterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Johnson	(Claridge)	Kamara	(Gray)	Preese	Rees	(Oakes)	(Campbell)
Sept 19	Birmingham City																
Sept 23	Plymouth Argyle (CCC2/1)																
Sept 26	Notts County																
Sept 29	Bristol City (AFC)																
Oct 3	Preston																
Oct 7	Plymouth Argyle (CCC2/2)																
Oct 10	Barnsley																
Oct 17	Derby County																
Oct 24	Peterborough United																
Oct 31	Southend United																
Nov 3	Cambridge United																
Nov 7	Grimshy Town																
Nov 14	Oxford United																
Nov 21	Millwall																
Nov 28	Watford																
Dec 5	Bristol Rovers																
Dec 12	Wolverhampton Wanderers																
Dec 19	Sunderland																
Dec 26	Swindon Town (11.30 am)																
Dec 28	West Ham United																
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Jan 9	Birmingham City																
Jan 16	Notts County																
Jan 27	Newcastle United																
Jan 30	Bristol City																
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Feb 20	Charlton Athletic																
Feb 27	Barnsley																
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Apr 17	Sunderland																
Apr 24	Derby County																
May 1	Peterborough United																
May 8	Southend United																
May 15	F.A. Cup Final																

AND LUTON TOWN

DIVISION ONE LEADING GOALSCORERS (all competitions)

Maskell (Swindon), Whittingham (Portsmouth) 6; Pardew (Charlton), Mendonca (Grimshy), Cole (Bristol City), Benjamin (Southend), Simpson (Derby), Blissett (Brentford), Taylor (Bristol Rovers) 5.

TODAY'S OTHER BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE ACTION

Barnsley v Peterborough United
Bristol Rovers v Grimsby Town
Cambridge United v Sunderland
Leicester City v Brentford
Millwall v Notts County
Newcastle United v Bristol City
Swindon Town v Oxford United
West Ham United v Derby County
Wolves v Watford

Luton Town F.C. Appearances and Goalscorers 1992-93

	League	Coca-Cola Cup		AI Cup		FA Cup	
		Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls
Jamie Campbell	2(4)	1	-	-	(-1)	-	-
Steve Claridge	5(1)	1	-	1	-	-	-
John Dreyer	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Phil Gray	6	1	-	1	-	-	-
Ceri Hughes	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Julian James	6	1	-	1	-	-	-
Marvin Johnson	1(3)	-	-	1	-	-	-
Chris Kamara	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Des Linton	6	1	-	1	-	-	-
Scott Oakes	3(3)	1	-	-	(-1)	-	-
Trevor Peake	6	-	-	1	-	-	-
Andy Petterson	6	-	-	1	-	-	-
David Preece	6	-	-	1	-	-	-
Jason Rees	4	-	-	1	-	-	-
Darren Salton	4(1)	-	-	1	-	-	-

Barclays League Division One Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Av Att	Leading Goalscorers
Newcastle United	6	6	0	0	14	5	18	28,835	Clark 3, Kelly 3
Charlton Athletic	7	5	2	0	11	2	17	5,420	Pardew 4, Dyer 2
Wolverhampton W	7	4	3	0	12	5	15	15,282	Mutch 4, Bull 3
Birmingham City	6	4	1	1	8	5	13	8,552	Donowa 2, Rennie 2
Swindon Town	6	3	2	1	14	10	11	9,745	Maskell 6, Taylor 3
Leicester City	7	3	2	2	8	10	11	15,728	Ge 4
West Ham United	5	3	0	2	6	5	9	14,448	C.Allen 2, M.Allen 2
Bristol City	5	2	2	1	10	7	8	12,964	Dzikanowski 2, Cole 2
Tranmere Rovers	5	2	2	1	8	6	8	5,345	Aldridge 2, Nevin 2
Millwall	5	2	2	1	6	5	8	7,806	McGrinlay 2
Portsmouth	6	2	1	3	10	11	7	11,813	Whittingham 6
Notts County	6	2	1	3	9	9	7	7,654	Smith 2, Slawson 2
Watford	6	2	1	3	9	10	7	8,877	Drysdale 3, Furlong 3
Sunderland	5	2	1	2	2	3	7	17,311	Cunnington 1, Rush 1
Brentford	6	2	0	4	8	9	6	7,769	Blissett 3, Bennett 2
Southend United	6	2	0	4	7	9	6	4,885	Benjamin 5
Peterborough United	5	2	0	3	7	10	6	9,094	Adcock 2, Charlery 2
Grimshy Town	5	1	2	2	7	9	5	4,659	Mendonca 3, Watson 2
LUTON TOWN	6	1	2	3	6	11	5	7,354	6 players with 1
Barnsley	6	1	2	3	4	5	5	6,726	4 players with 1
Oxford United	5	1	2	2	4	6	5	6,976	Penney 2
Bristol Rovers	7	1	1	5	11	17	4	6,742	Taylor 5, Stewart 3
Cambridge United	6	1	1	4	2	10	4	5,056	Chapple 1, Francis 1
Derby County	6	0	2	4	7	11	2	15,927	Simpson 5

(Up to and including 13/9/92)

HOOLIGAN HOTLINE

There is now a new number for the National Football Intelligence Unit Hooligan Hotline. Please ring **0800 515495** in strictest confidence.

THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE: PETER JONES (LOUGHBOROUGH)

An account executive, Peter is married with two young children. He commenced refereeing in 1975 and progressed via the Football Combination, Central League, Vauxhall Conference and Southern Leagues to the full League list in 1988. Peter lists his hobbies as golf and horse racing.

Team Check

LUTON TOWN

Colours: White\Blue Shirts,
Blue\White shorts

Manager: David Pleat

Andy Petterson
Des Linton
Julian James
Darren Salton
Trevor Peake
Marvin Johnson
Steve Claridge
Chris Kamara
Phil Gray
David Preece
Jason Rees

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BIRMINGHAM CITY

Colours: Blue Shirts,
White Shorts

Manager: Terry Cooper

Andy Gosney
Ian Clarkeson
John Frain
Mark Cooper
Darren Rogers
Trevor Matthewson
Louie Donowa
Paul Tait
Mark Sale
Nigel Gleghorn
Jason Beckford

REFEREE: P. Jones (Loughborough, Leics)

LINESMEN: D.N. Campbell (yellow trim)
D.R. Crick (red/yellow trim)

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