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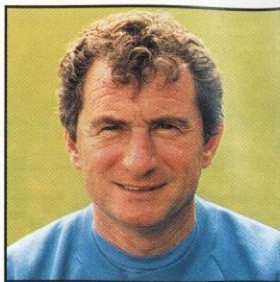


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LEAGUE DIVISION ONE



Hopeful of an entertaining and attractive game



MANAGER'S VIEWPOINT BY DAVID PLEAT

Today we return to Kenilworth Road for a league fixture where we desperately need a win as some reward for our recent spell of seven games without defeat but with no tangible reward.

We could not have wished for more attractive opponents than Portsmouth Football Club. We welcome them here today and congratulate them on a tremendous season last year where they were denied a cup final appearance and a promotion spot by too many games (and now Anglo-Italian Cup fixtures).

Jim Smith should have been one of the recipients of the Barclays Good News Awards which were announced two weeks ago in their splendid annual year book. Since their success, they have sold players like Darren Anderton, John Beresford and Martin Kuhl. Like ourselves, they have had to sell

some assets. Getting the equation right between progressing the football club, the business side and realistic ambition, is the problem that many clubs are unable to resolve.

The combined gates for our two Anglo-Italian games with Watford and Bristol City were quite good considering it was the preliminary stage of the competition and the lack of information

regarding the latter stages. Had the two games been highly significant, like a cup semi-final, I would have drowned in my own tears. In both matches we dominated. Whilst our approach play gives us some heart, and there is still further room for improvement, the lack of finishing ability snookered us in these two

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encounters. It would not have been too bold to say that the six-goal aggregate should have been ours from these two games.

We shall continue with our pre-match pasta and try not to retain any Italian hang-ups. We shall keep taking the tablets, retain our self-belief, hope the injured players recover quickly and continue to record our appreciation of your



Our ever-present defender, Des Linton, is pictured in action against Birmingham City on September 19.

We believe that both Luton and Portsmouth represent attempts to play attractive football. Let us hope that today's game is in keeping with our philosophies and that we get some end product in terms of points if we are deserving.

Enjoy the game

Julian's at home in new position



PLAYER INTERVIEW WITH JULIAN JAMES

Julian James established himself as the Town's regular right-back last season. This term, however, he has adopted a new position which has surprised many fans – in midfield. As we found out, Julian is hoping to develop his new role, once our injury problems have eased.

"I am looking forward to continuing my role as a midfielder player," said Julian when we asked him how he has settled in to his new position. "As a youngster with my junior side Comet, I played quite often in that position, therefore I do know what is required – however, it is such a different role to that of a full-back."

Julian has found himself in his new position due to the re-emergence of full-backs Des Linton and Marvin Johnson from surgery and the Town's injury crisis in midfield. He admits that being selected for a more dominant role brings with it extra responsibilities.

"Obviously, there is a lot more responsibility in midfield than at full-back," he stated. "You have to help support the forwards and back-track defensively, therefore I am finding myself more involved, which I enjoy. Chris Kamara and David Preece have given me a lot of support recently and their advice has been a great help – hopefully I have learned from them and can continually improve."

"The area of my play which I am working on and which the midfield position

requires, is good ball skills. The trouble is, that with so many games played during the opening two months of the season, I am finding little time on the training pitch to develop in this area. However, when the fixture list settles down, hopefully I can practice in this area more."

With Ceri Hughes and Paul Telfer still on the road to recovery from long-term injuries, Julian sees this as the ideal opportunity to establish himself in midfield this season.

"You never know what is going to happen next in football, for instance I have reverted back to defence this

week," he said. "I have just got to take my chance if and when it comes along again and do enough to impress the manager. Hopefully I can make the position my own in the coming weeks, stay in the team and improve on what I am doing."

"I must admit that I prefer playing in midfield, but if I do return to the defence, I shall have no complaints – all I want to do is remain in the first team and help the club climb the table."



Universal Salvage Auctions

Welcome to the 'family club'

Children from Hart Hill Junior School are the second guests in our community venture.

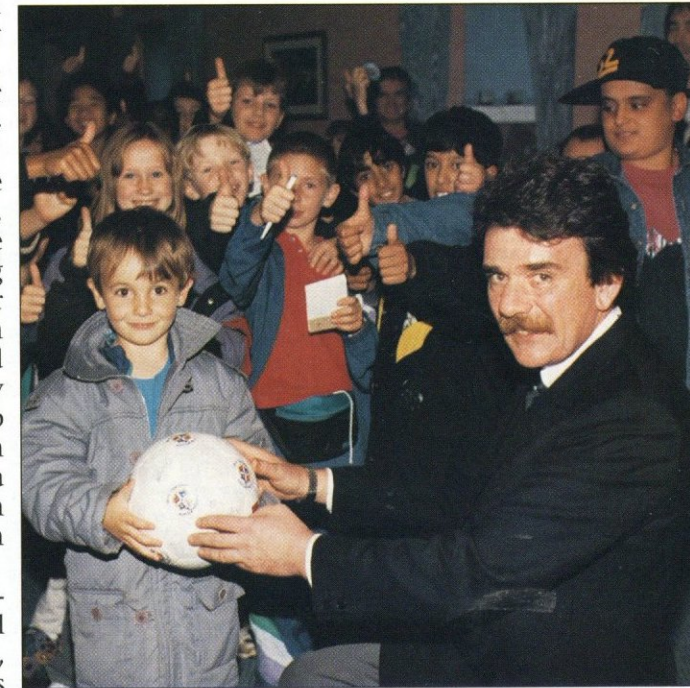
Universal Salvage Auctions (USA), the league leaders in motor salvage auctions, have joined forces with Luton Town this season to forge a new community, schools and Junior Hatters development programme. As you can see from our picture, the programme got off to a flying start on September 19 when the Town entertained Birmingham City and USA linked up with the club in entertaining a party of 50 from Hillborough School in Luton. Today, we welcome Hart Hill Junior School, from Brooms

forge ahead with more schemes for community links throughout the area. Already a 'community committee' has been

formed with representatives from the club and from USA and this committee has invited representatives of Luton schools to its meetings. The objective is simple: to enhance the relationship between the club and its surrounding community and help more people love both the 'beautiful game' and Luton Town FC.

If you want to help, please write to: The Secretary, USA / L T F C Community

Committee, c/o Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1, Pymont. Now the club and USA plan to

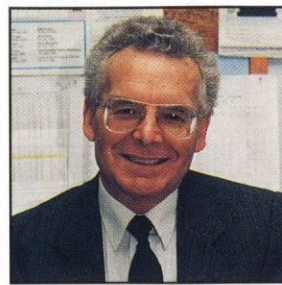


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Watford game live on television



ON THE INSIDE BY JOHN SMYLIE

This afternoon we extend a warm welcome to the directors, management, players and supporters of Portsmouth Football Club. We hope that they enjoy their afternoon with us and have a safe journey home.

■ Our game with Plymouth Argyle on Wednesday, September 23 was the inaugural match for our recently installed floodlights. Those of you in attendance will have noticed the vast improvement in the standard of lighting. Previously, we had a total of 96 lamps giving an average lux value of below 500 whilst the new system has 72 lamps only, giving an initial lux of 1,000 and an output of 2,000 watts per lamp.

■ After 2,000 burning hours, however, the lux level will settle at 850. The average minimum required by the Football League is 500 lux level. The cost to the club to install and meet the new requirement is in excess of £65,000, although we will eventually receive a partial grant from the Football Trust.

■ Confirmation has been received from the Football League that our fixture with Watford, scheduled for Saturday, 28th November will now be switched to the following day (Sunday 29th) and transmitted live on Anglia and London Weekend Television. The kick-off time is still to be advised.

■ This will be the club's first home live television game since the transmission of the Oxford United Littlewoods Cup semi-final, second leg, back in February 1988. The only previous league matches televised were both home games with Manchester United back in season 1983/84 (February 12th 1984) and season 1984/85 (April 21st 1985). Interestingly, the only two people in the squad from those previous games and still at the club are David Preece and coach Wayne Turner.

■ I am pleased to say that thanks to the efforts in the close season of director Henry Richardson, our scoreboard has been operating successfully this season. Problems were encountered over the last year which rendered its inactivity, mainly due to the non-availability of parts which were only obtainable from the United States. This situation has now been resolved, so hopefully our operator, Kevin Hoares, can look forward to a period of trouble-free operation.

■ We extend a warm welcome to Damien Matthew who joined the club on a month's loan from Chelsea on September 25. We wish him a happy and successful stay at Kenilworth Road.

■ We apologise to those supporters who arrived at Kenilworth Road expecting to see our Football Combination match with Portsmouth on Monday (September 28). This match was postponed as a precautionary pitch measure due to our Anglo-Italian Cup match played the following day.

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Unbeaten run boosts moral



CAPTAIN'S LOG BY TREVOR PEAKE

Despite our current injury problems, we are growing in confidence as our unbeaten league run continues.

The result at Notts County last weekend was particularly pleasing for the side considering the amount of injuries which have built up during the past couple of weeks. It is always frustrating when you have to watch from the sidelines because of injury - you are just desperate to play!

I had to sit out last week at Meadow Lane after pulling a hamstring during our Coca Cola Cup tie with Plymouth the previous Wednesday. Marvin Johnson also missed the game so we had to re-shuffle in defence. Nevertheless, our replacements did a fine job. John Dreyer was solid at centre-back and Julian James reverted to his old role at

left back after his run in midfield in recent weeks. Overall, the performance was encouraging and it is always important to pick up points away from home.

Our injury problems do not stop in defence. With midfielders Ceri Hughes and Paul Telfer both out, we have brought in Damien Matthew from Chelsea on loan. He settled in well last Saturday and hopefully his time here at Luton will benefit and bolster our side and also provide him with regular first team action which he has been missing of late.

At present, our league position does not justify the way we have played during the past few weeks. The game at Meadow Lane was our sixth game undefeated which is very encouraging and has helped our confidence tremendously. What we must now do is to convert the chances we are creating into more goals and earn maximum points. When you look at the league table at this stage of the season, a couple of wins can catapult you many places higher, so we are not too concerned with our present position.

Today's opponents Portsmouth will be looking for all three points this afternoon following their home defeat against West Ham last weekend. They are tipped as contenders for promotion this season and need a win to stay in touch with the leaders. They have a very strong forward line at present, and our defence - whoever plays - will have to be on guard this afternoon.

Continue your vocal support again today and enjoy the game.



Steve Claridge scored our penalty against Birmingham City on September 19.



Damien Matthew made his Luton debut at Meadow Lane last Saturday.

Bees look on the bright side

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NEWS ON ONE

Despite losing 3-1 at White Hart Lane in the Coca Cola Cup second round, first leg, Brentford gave themselves a lifeline with an away goal scored by Gary Blissett. Bees manager Phil Holder, however, was more pleased with the attendance which fell just short of 20,000.

"Financially it could be a godsend for us," he said. "At Brentford we budget to go out of all competitions in the first round. That way, anything more than that is literally a bonus.

"We could make approximately £80,000 out of the two legs with Spurs. That will relieve the pressure on us and hopefully give me a little cash to use when necessary on strengthening the team. We will also benefit from our home match with Newcastle being shown live on television in the London area, on top of the large following expected to come down from the North East."

The Magpies amazing start to the season continues to roll amid newspaper rumours that Kevin Keegan is the man for the Liverpool job as pressure mounts on Graeme Souness. Keegan has denied any interest in ever leaving St James Park and currently believes his side are Premier League quality. He said: "Without wishing to appear in any way boastful on the team's behalf, I believe we are the most entertaining team in the country at the moment." United's 1-0 win at Peterborough on

Saturday was their eighth straight win of the season.

Wolves striker Steve Bull is keen to impress on England manager Graham Taylor that his England days are not over. Having found his scoring touch yet again this season, Bull is hoping that Taylor has not forgotten his ability. "I am not giving up," said a determined Bull last weekend. "I think I could still do a good job for England. The trouble is that I have not scored as many goals this season as last and that is not going to exactly attract Graham's attention, particularly as I am playing in Division One."

West Ham striker Trevor

Morley has turned down the opportunity to join First Division Watford, preferring to stay with the Hammers. Morley says he is happy with life at Upton Park, particularly as the London club are playing so well this season. He said: "I never wanted to leave West Ham, but their offer to me was unacceptable. I met Steve Perryman at Watford and was impressed with what I saw, nevertheless, I still consider West Ham to be one of the biggest clubs outside the Premier League and I want to remain part of the set-up here." Morley played for Norwegian side Brawn in the summer, scoring eleven goals.

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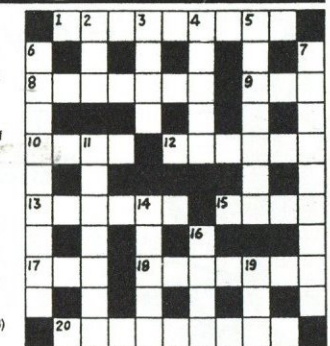
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ACROSS

- 1 Hibs capital home (9)
- 8 Ref gives long whistle to do it (3,4)
- 9 Irish one separates Liverpool and Shamrock Rovers (3)
- 10 Fair fans do it to good opponents (4)
- 12 Turnstile does it to one at a time (6)
- 13 It can win on pitch or coupon (6)
- 15 Does Arsenal player need one to shoot? (1,3)
- 17 Is he part of Clive's family? No, All (3)
- 18 Do it to seize chances - and exist (2,5)
- 20 Club with Bonnie finance house? (9)

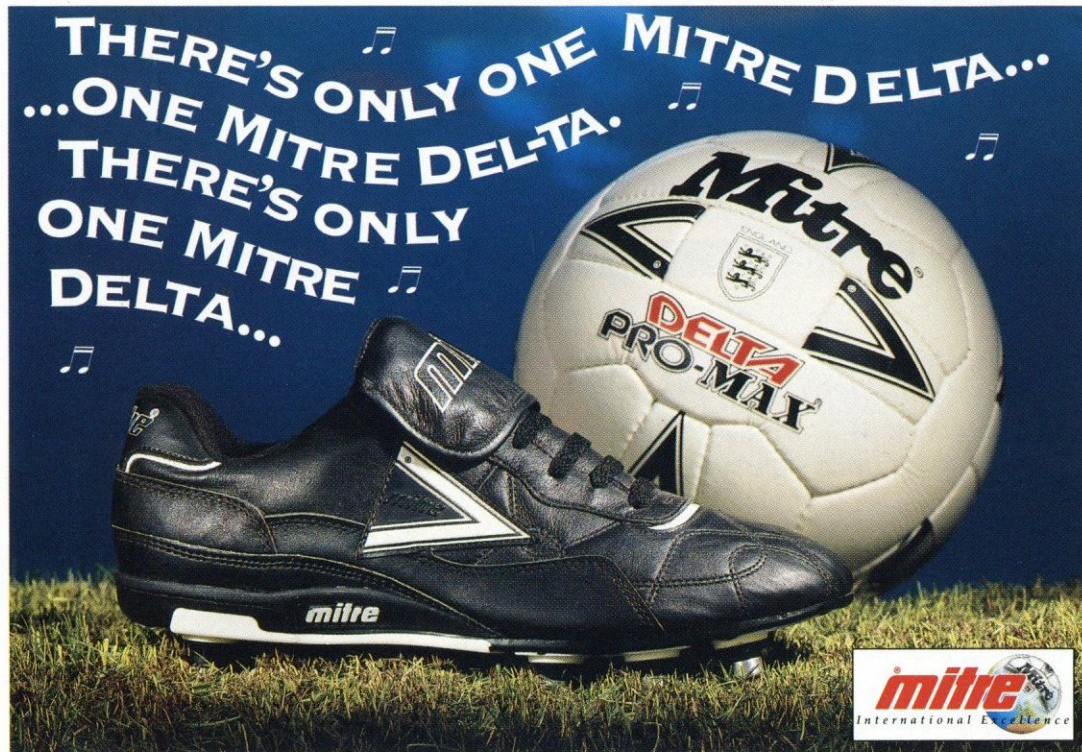
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- 2 Match that was never set alight? (3)
- 3 Miss that brings gasps from crowd (4)
- 4 Do it to opponent to get booked (5)
- 5 Wind can spoil match if it is this (7)
- 6 Not old fort on the Tyne (9)
- 7 You carry one if he's limping (9)
- 11 "15" would be found here (7)
- 14 End to end game did this and flowed (5)
- 16 Put the writing on the wall (4)
- 19 Where to drown sorrows after match (3)



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Statement from the Board



The Directors of Luton Town F.C., at a Board Meeting last Friday, September 25th, unanimously agreed to make it clear that the major policies of our Club are based on decisions taken by the board as a whole in accordance with its collective responsibility.

The Board's decisions are entirely motivated by what they see as being in the best interests of the Club and, in particular, ensuring its long-term financial viability.

The recent publicity, inferring by innuendo that one, or more, of the Directors has gained unfairly financially as a result of the Club's actions is totally untrue and libelous.

If these statements continue to be made, the Directors will be forced to consider action to protect their reputations.

The Directors wish to emphasise that they are willing to co-operate with anyone who has the interests of the Football Club at heart.

The Manager understands and accepts the Board's responsibility for the policy of the Club. The Board and the Manager are against the principle of selling young players, but the long-term future of the Club is paramount.

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PICTURES BY JOSH LEVY

Steve Claridge, out top-scorer this season, is grounded at Meadow Lane.

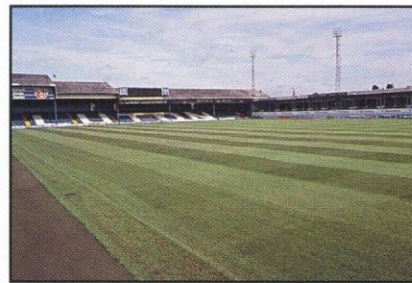


Jason Rees has a shot saved by keeper Steve Cherry.



Full-back Des Linton mounts another attack last Saturday.

Luton Ladies start season in style



AROUND THE TOWN

MATTHEW ON LOAN

Chelsea's exciting England under-21 international Damien Matthew has joined the Town on a month's loan. Speaking shortly after his arrival on September 24, he said: "I like to play the ball along the floor, and as David Pleat and Luton also like to play the same way, I am looking forward to my time here. I am helping the club out due to the injury problems here, and I am also helping myself by staying match fit."

CALL UP FOR SKELTON

Our promising youth team midfielder, Aaron Skelton, has been selected for England's youth international with France later this month. "He fully deserves the recognition, which shows that there are opportunities for those who work hard," said David Pleat.

LUTON LADIES IN IMPRESSIVE FORM

Luton Ladies Football Club, the current Western Division Ladies League champions, have started their new league campaign in the Premier League in impressive style with wins at Suffolk Bluebirds (2-1), at home to Dunstable (5-3) and a 9-1 thrashing of Beccles in the WFA Cup first round.

Speaking on their fine start to the season, team manager Dave Buey said: "I am very optimistic about the new campaign and have been delighted with the way the girls have played so far. Pre-season we drew with Aston Villa Aztecs 2-2, who are a National League side, so I knew we had a side capable of achieving success this season. We have an exciting group of players at the club and a couple who, in the long term, have the potential to represent their country."

Another reason for the team's success has been the recent acquisition of Langford F.C.'s ground for all games and training sessions. "Thanks to Langford, we now have the facilities to become a National League

team," continued Dave. "We can now train under floodlights at night which is a great help. Hopefully now that we have improved facilities, we will see a rise in attendances."

The club, who have not lost a match since March 1991, have clearly shown their intentions for the new season and have now branched out to include a reserve side for the new campaign. "Our success so far has been reflected by the formation of a reserve side. They also play regularly in a local league and include some young girls who will hopefully progress to the senior side. The reserves are looking for a manager at present, so hopefully through this article, someone with previous experience will come forward."

Last weekend they won their WFA Cup second round match against Harlow 4-2, with Julie Fensome scoring all four.

The team's forthcoming fixtures are: October 11 Breydon (a). October 18 Norwich Falcons (a). October 25 Ipswich Town Res (h).

If you would like further information on forthcoming games and fundraising events, please contact Dave on St Neots (0480) 403137.

SOCCER COURSE SUCCESS

The Luton Town weekly soccer courses have been running on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7-8 pm at Vauxhall Motors Brache Arena. 50 children have been attending the coaching sessions under the guidance of Youth Development Officer Paul Lowe, and F.A. qualified coaches Gary Hooper, Jeff Wells and former Town trainee Paul Newman, who passed his F.A. preliminary award while at Kenilworth Road and who now plays for Baldock Town. The next set of evening courses start on Monday 2nd November and Thursday 5th November. Further details can be obtained by calling the Luton Town reception on (0582) 411622.

Latest Ticket Office news



BY CHERRY NEWBERY

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

Barnsley v Luton Town

Barclays League Division One

Saturday, October 10, 1992 - Kick-off 3.00 pm

Seats priced at £10.00 (no concessions) are available from the Ticket Office until Thursday, October 8 at 5.00 pm. Also on the day at Barnsley. Standing priced £5.50 (no concessions) pay on the day only at the turnstiles.

Luton Town v Derby County

Barclays League Division One

Saturday, October 17, 1992 - Kick-off 3.00 pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale. Normal league prices and guesting facilities apply.

Peterborough United v Luton Town

Barclays League Division One

Saturday, October 24, 1992 - Kick-off 3.00 pm

Seats priced at £12.00 (no concessions) are available from the Ticket Office until 5.00 pm on Friday, October 23 and also on the day at Peterborough. Standing is priced at £6.00 (no concessions) with pay on the day only at the turnstiles.

Season Tickets 1992-93

Season Tickets are still available for all areas of the ground at pro rata rates. Supporters interested are asked to contact the Ticket Office on their direct line Luton 416976.

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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 then 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

Barnsley (Oakwell Ground)

Address: Grove Street, Barnsley, Yorkshire S71 1ET. Telephone: (0226) 295353.

Take the M1 north to junction 37, then follow the traffic signs to Oakwell Ground.

There is an official car park for 1,200 vehicles adjacent to the ground.

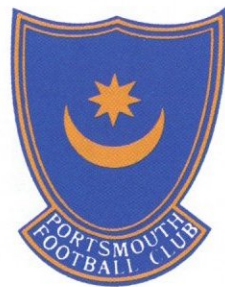
Nearest railway: Exchange Station, Barnsley

Bobbers Travel Club

Coaches for the trip to BARNESLEY will cost adults £9.00 and children/OAP's £7.20. Coaches will depart from Cranfield at 9.30 am and from Luton at 10.30 am. All bookings, and information on the trip to PLYMOUTH ARGYLE, can be made by telephoning Paul Deason on (0234) 750996.

Alternatively, you can book by seeing Paul or any other BTC member at the Ticket Kiosk in Kenilworth Road or on the return journey from the previous match.

Pushing for promotion after last season's success



PORTSMOUTH F.C. 1992-93

■ Since becoming Pompey's 15th post-war manager at the end of May 1991, Jim Smith has revitalised the fortunes of Portsmouth Football Club, becoming a folk hero among the Pompey faithful in the process. After an unsuccessful season in Division One in 1986-87, the club has been languishing mid-table in Division Two – that was until last season when Mr Smith's decision to give youth a chance paid dividends.

■ The footballing nation witnessed Pompey's successful FA Cup run which took the club to the semi-final against Liverpool, and also included the scalps of cup specialists Nottingham Forest along the way. After the first semi-final ended 1-1 at

Highbury, Pompey's dream of Wembley glory was shattered in a penalty shoot-out at Villa Park, in the replay, the following Wednesday.

■ The inevitable media coverage led to the exposure of Smith's exciting home grown products, namely Darren Anderton, John Beresford and Andy Axford. Once the run had ended, all three were the subject of transfer speculation to bigger clubs, with Anderton finally moving to Tottenham for £2 million in July and Beresford joining Newcastle United.

■ Nevertheless, Mr Smith believes the players he still has at the club can push for Premier League status this season. He has also showed his ambition

by gaining the experience of striker Paul Walsh from Tottenham Hotspur. So far this season, however, the club have made an indifferent start, winning just two of their opening eight games, both at Fratton Park, against Barnsley (1-0) and Birmingham City (4-0). One encouraging sign has been the goalscoring form of Guy Whittingham, who has bagged six of Pompey's ten goals – at the time of writing – this season.

■ Last season's FA Cup semi-final appearance was the club's first since they won the trophy in 1939. They have also won the Division One championship in 1949 and 1950; the Division Three (S) crown in 1924; and the Division Three title in 1962 and 1983.



Back row (left to right): Mark Chamberlain, Guy Whittingham, Darryl Powell, Mark Kelly, Warren Aspinall, Ray Daniel. Middle row (left to right): Mike Bailey (reserve team coach), Gordon Neave (kit man), Lee Russell, Chris Burns, Colin Clarke, Alan Knight, Guy Butters, Kit Symons, Shaun Gale, Neil Sillett (physio) Ken Todd (youth team coach). Front row (left to right): Warren Neill, Steve Wigley, Alan McLoughlin, Andy Axford, Gavin Maguire, Graham Paddon (assistant manager), Jim Smith (manager), Martin Kuhl, Stuart Doling, Mick Ross, Shaun Murray, Paul Walsh.

POMPEY ON PARADE

ALAN KNIGHT (goalkeeper) – Currently Pompey's longest serving player, Alan joined the club as an apprentice in 1977. He has represented Portsmouth in every Division of the Football League and has represented his country at England Youth and U-21 levels.

RAY DANIEL (defender) – An £80,000 signing from Cardiff in 1990, Ray returned to the Pompey side towards the end of last season after injury. He started his career here at Kenilworth Road before spells at Gillingham and Hull City.

ANDY AWFORD (defender) – A former Pompey apprentice, Andy has represented England at youth and under-21 levels. Capable of playing as a sweeper or centre-half, Andy made his league debut against Crystal Palace in 1989, aged 16.

WARREN NEILL (defender) – Right-back Warren arrived at Fratton Park from QPR for £110,000 in 1988. He made his league debut for the London side in 1980 and went on to make over 180 appearances for Rangers, winning Division Two and FA Cup runners-up medals in the process.

KIT SYMONS (defender) – Pompey Player of the Year last season, Kit is a full Wales international. A former Fratton Park apprentice, he made his debut in 1989 and is now one of the most sought after young defenders in Division One.

ALAN McLOUGHLIN (midfield) – A former Manchester United apprentice, Alan made his league debut with Swindon Town. He moved to Southampton for £1 million in 1990, but failed to establish himself at The Dell. He joined Pompey for £400,000 in March.

SHAUN MURRAY (midfield) – A £90,000 signing from Tottenham Hotspur in 1989, Shaun made his league debut for Portsmouth in 1990. An England schoolboy and youth international, Shaun began his career with Spurs in 1987.

DARRYL POWELL (midfield/forward) – Signed for Pompey as an associate schoolboy, Darryl made his debut in 1988 against Middlesbrough, scoring a 16th minute goal. When given a chance last season, he took his goal average to one in every four games.

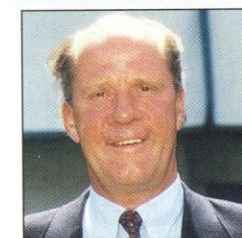
WARREN ASPINALL (forward) – Warren was Portsmouth's most expensive signing when he joined the club from Aston Villa for £315,000 in 1988. A former England youth international, he has had to battle against injuries in recent seasons to establish himself in the first team.

COLIN CLARKE (forward) – Northern Ireland international, Colin started his career at Peterborough United. He later had spells at Gillingham, Tranmere and Bournemouth, but established himself in the First Division with Southampton in 1986. After a spell with QPR, he joined Pompey for £400,000 in 1990.

PAUL WALSH (forward) – Paul joined Portsmouth during the summer for £400,000. An England international, he started his career at Charlton, before moving to Luton Town in 1982. Liverpool captured his signature for £750,000 in 1984 and he moved to Spurs three years later.

GUY WHITTINGHAM (forward) – Leading scorer last season, Guy is in his fourth season as a professional. Previously a PT instructor with the Army, Guy played non-league with Yeovil, Waterlooville and Oxford City during his time with the forces.

THE MAN IN CHARGE



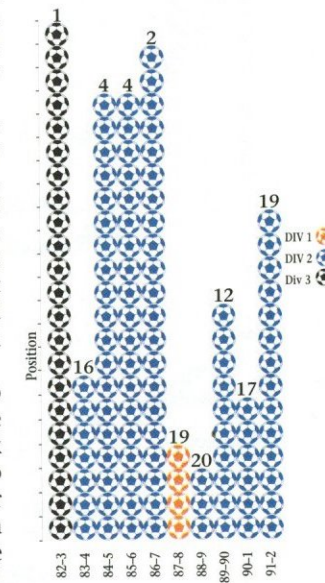
Jim Smith started his playing career as a wing-half with Sheffield United in 1956, before enjoying spells at Aldershot, Halifax and Lincoln City. After spending three years as

player-manager with Colchester, who he took into the Third Division in 1973-74, Jim joined Blackburn and later Birmingham City.

In March 1982, after having guided City into the First Division, Jim took charge at Oxford. Within two seasons, he had taken United into the First Division via the Third and Second Division Championships.

He then moved to QPR, who he took to the final of the 1986 Milk Cup, before moving to Newcastle in 1988. After internal conflict and a crippling injury list, he resigned in March 1991 to take the reins at Fratton Park.

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Name: Steve Claridge

Birthplace: Portsmouth

Date of Birth: 10.4.66

Height: 6 ft

Weight: 12 stone 4 lbs

Signed from: Cambridge United, July 1992

Previous clubs: Portsmouth, Crystal

Palace, Aldershot, Cambridge United

Luton Town debut: v Bristol City (H), Div 1, 22.8.92

International honours: none

Car: I'm too embarrassed to answer this question, but I will leave it to our supporters' imagination!

Starsign: Aries

Top television programmes: Like many footballers, Only Fools and Horses is my favourite. It is so funny and David Jason plays 'Del Boy' so well.

Top television commentator: I don't really take much notice of commentators when I am watching football on television, therefore I do not have a favourite.

Best recent film/video seen: I have not seen many films or videos recently but looking back, Basic Instinct with Michael Douglas and Sharon Stone springs to mind for obvious reasons!

Hobbies: I have just taken up playing golf. It is such a difficult game to play and I really respect the professionals such as Nick Faldo, who perform so consistently well week in, week out.

Who did you support as a boy: My home town side Portsmouth who I went to see play quite often when I was young.

Favourite away ground and why: It has to be Fratton Park. I started my footballing

career there and it is always a nice experience to play on the ground where you were

brought up as a youngster.

Boots worn: I wear New Balance for first team games and Adidas for training. My New Balance boots are such a good fit and are made of a very soft leather.

What qualifications did you get at school and subsequently, what would you be doing now if you were not a footballer: I never really liked school and dropped out early with no qualifications. If I never made it in the game, I would have become a market trader because I own a fruit and veg stall.

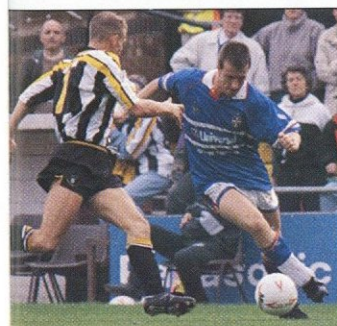
What has been the highlight of your career in football: Winning promotion twice in succession with Cambridge United. After a long and gruelling season, promotion is the ultimate reward.

Who are your favourite players, both past and present: Kenny Dalglish (past) and Peter Beardsley (present). Both strikers, Dalglish was such an intelligent player who had a great eye for a goal, while Beardsley oozes class and should still be a regular in the England set-up.

What single piece of advice would you give to any young footballer hoping to make the grade: Always be prepared to listen and learn. If things are not going your way, never lose confidence in your own ability and stick to your own game.

What young Town player do you tip to make the grade in the coming seasons: Our young midfielder Aaron Skelton. He has all the credentials which I have just mentioned in the last answer.

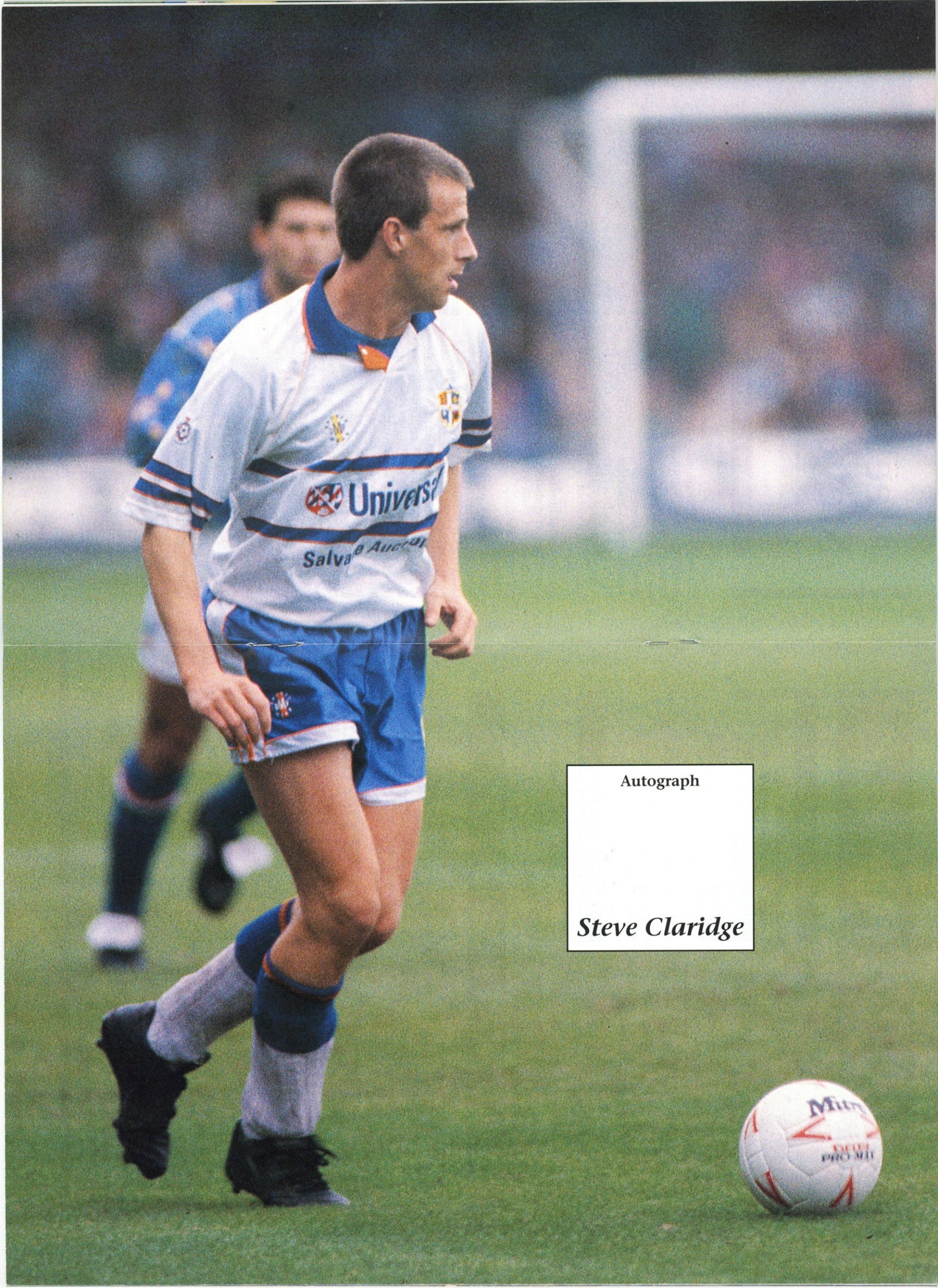
What are your main ambitions in football: Obviously to be successful with Luton Town and help get the club back where it belongs - in the Premier League.



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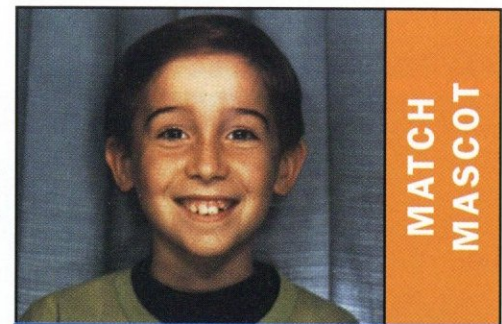
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MATCH MASCOT

This afternoon's mascot is Patrick Walsh. He is eight years old and attends Bedford School. His hobbies are football, W.W.F. and swimming. Patrick tells us his favourite player is Scott Oakes.

JUNIOR HATTERS WITH RICHARD HARVEY

Welcome to this afternoon's game with Portsmouth. We also welcome our friends from Portsmouth who have been playing football with us this morning.

I hope you all had a good time at the training ground earlier today, I do not know the score yet, but will see Bev later today for a match report. I hope that both sets of supporters had a great time and scored plenty of goals!

It was nice to see so many Junior Hatters and parents travelling to the away game at Notts County last week and giving the team your support. All the lads really do appreciate seeing you at away games and try to pick you out in the crowd.

When we next play at Kenilworth Road, we will be entertaining the Junior Rams from Derby County. Again we will be entertaining our visitors by playing football with them in the morning at the Oakley Road Training Ground in Ely Way. We will be meeting at 11.00 am so if you would like to play for the Junior Hatters, please call in to the Oak Road

Sports Shop and put your name down.

In the near future, we will be featuring a spotlight on a Junior Hatter on this page. The details we require for this new feature are your name, a colour photograph of yourself, membership number, date/place of birth, school, first Luton game, favourite player, favourite other ground, number of league grounds visited, favourite goal, hobbies, what you like and dislike about football, who accompanies you to Town games and what are your ambitions after leaving school. If you would like to come 'under the spotlight', please contact Bev in the Oak Road Shop.

Today's lucky Junior Hatter membership number is 1025.....STEPHEN BIBBY. Stephen 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 bring your membership card with you.

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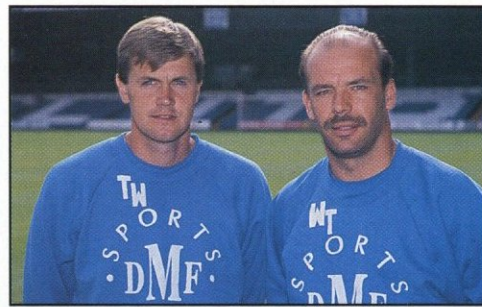
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Neville Ovenden Football Combination 1992/93 League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Q.P.R.	6	3	3	0	11	6	12
Crystal Palace	5	3	2	0	15	6	11
Chelsea	5	3	1	1	17	9	10
Millwall	5	3	1	1	11	7	10
Watford	5	2	3	0	8	5	9
Wimbledon	5	2	2	1	11	9	8
Portsmouth	6	2	2	2	9	11	8
Oxford United	5	2	2	1	6	9	8
Southampton	5	2	1	2	10	10	7
Arsenal	5	2	1	2	10	5	7
West Ham United	6	2	1	3	10	9	7
Norwich City	6	2	1	3	12	13	7
Ipswich Town	5	2	1	2	6	7	7
Tottenham Hotspur	5	2	0	3	7	9	6
Brighton & H.A.	5	2	0	3	5	12	6
Swindon Town	4	1	1	2	7	9	4
Fulham	4	1	1	2	3	5	4
Charlton Athletic	5	1	1	3	5	6	4
LUTON TOWN	5	1	1	3	5	11	4
Bristol City	5	0	1	4	4	12	1

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	Postponed	Mon 1 Feb	Charlton Athletic
Mon 28 Sept	Portsmouth	Postponed	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 1 Tottenham Hotspur 4

Neville Ovenden Football Combination, Monday, September 14, 1992.

After starting brightly against a very experienced Tottenham side, the Town lost their second successive match 4-1. "We started very well in this match against a Spurs side which included four internationals," said coach Wayne Turner. "We passed well and created some good chances, and Tony Thorpe scored a great goal. We had five players who had just returned from the fitness table and it started to show as the game progressed. Neil Butler came on to make his debut with ten minutes remaining and was marked by Gary Mabbutt!"

Team: Sommer, Allpress, Gillard, Thorpe 1, Greene, Dreyer, Murray, Brooks, Nogan, Wright, Harvey. Subs: Williams, Butler.

Luton Town 0 Bournemouth 2

South East Counties League Division Two, Saturday, September 12, 1992.

Our youth side lost their second league game of the season against Bournemouth last month, a result which left coach Terry Westley very disappointed. He said: "This was a poor team performance. We showed a lack of enthusiasm and determination to win individual team battles and our young players must remember that ability on its own will never be enough."

Team: Kuntz, Jukes, Brittain, Woolgar, McLaren, Simpson, Philp, Philp, Ryan, Campbell, Butler, Rioch. Subs: Goodfellow, Gibb.

Match Report

Chelsea 1 Luton Town 1

Southern Junior Floodlit Cup, 1st round, Monday, September 10, 1992.

Our youth team started their Floodlit Cup campaign at Kingstonsians F.C. against a very good Chelsea outfit. The game left coach Terry Westley stating: "This was by far our toughest game of the season, both physically and technically." Both goals came in the first half, with our lads playing particularly well." Terry continued: "In that first 45 minutes we combined short and long play and created some very good opportunities. One lack of concentration lost us a goal on the break, but we came back to level before half-time."

Team: Watkins, Philp, Rioch, McLaren, Brittain, Jukes, Woolgar, Skelton, Hartson, Butler 1, Goodfellow. Subs: Simpson, Campbell.

Luton Town 0 Charlton Athletic 3

South East Counties League Cup, first round, Saturday, September 19, 1992.

"On paper, a 3-0 defeat certainly doesn't make for good reading," reflected Terry Westley after this defeat. "But I must be fair to the players and say that we created enough chances to have scored on more than the odd occasion. Losing Watkins our goalkeeper and Hartson after 20 minutes did not help our cause."

Team: Watkins, Power, Rioch, McLaren, Brittain, Philp, Woolgar, Ryan, Hartson, Skelton, Butler. Subs: Campbell, Kuntz.

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)	0-3
Sat 26 Sept	Brentford	0-2
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	3(1)	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Butler	6	3	1	1	-	-	-	-
Campbell	2(3)	-	(-1)	-	(-1)	-	-	-
Draper	2(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gibb	(-2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goodfellow	3(2)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Hartson	4	10	1	-	1	-	-	-
Jukes	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Kuntz	4	-	-	-	(-1)	-	-	-
McDonagh	1(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
McLaren	6	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Philp	6	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Power	(-1)	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Rioch	6	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
Ryan	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Simpson	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skelton	5	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
Watkins	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Woolgar	6	-	1	-	1	-	-	-

South East Counties League Division Two 1992/93

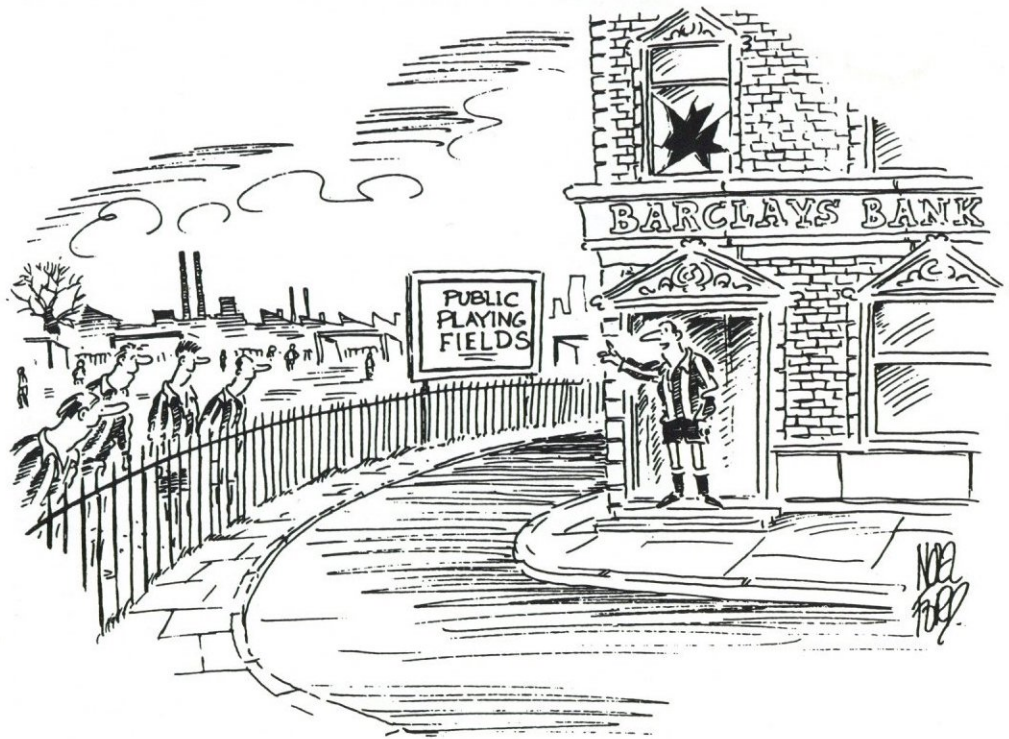
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AFC Bournemouth	5	3	2	0	8	4	8
Wimbledon	5	3	1	1	13	6	7
LUTON TOWN	5	3	0	2	15	5	6
Southampton	5	2	2	1	7	5	6
Brighton & H.A.	5	2	1	2	11	12	5
Tottenham Hotspur	5	2	0	3	11	14	4
Swindon Town	5	2	0	3	9	12	4
Colchester United	5	2	0	3	5	8	4
Bristol Rovers	5	2	0	3	9	19	4
Crystal Palace	4	1	0	3	9	10	2
Oxford United	5	0	1	4	8	14	1
Reading	4	0	1	3	5	15	1

Reserves - Appearances and Goalscorers 1992-93


	Football App	Combination Goals	Bees App	Premier Cup -Goals
Allpress	3(1)	-	-	-
Brooks	2(2)	2	-	-
Campbell	2	-	-	-
Claridge	1	-	-	-
Dreyer	2	-	-	-
Flain	1	-	-	-
Gillard	3	-	-	-
Greene	4	-	-	-
Harvey	2	-	-	-
Johnson	3	-	-	-
Linton	1	-	-	-
Murray	2(1)	-	-	-
Nogan	3(1)	-	-	-
Oakes	2	-	-	-
Rees	1	-	-	-
Salton	1	-	-	-
Skelton	(-1)	-	-	-
Sommer	4	-	-	-
Thorpe	3	3	-	-
Williams	(-1)	-	-	-
Wright	4	-	-	-

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Steve Claridge is congratulated by Chris Kamara after scoring against Plymouth in the Coca-Cola Cup on September 23.



Trevor Peake receives treatment, prior to leaving the field with a hamstring injury.

A proud home record to protect

BACK TRACKING BY ROGER WASH



We welcome today another of our old adversaries, as games against Portsmouth stretch back to Southern League days at the turn of the century.

Our first Football League meeting took place at Kenilworth Road on August 30, 1920 in our initial home-game in the newly-formed Third Division. We had been thrashed 9-1 at Swindon on the opening day, but with four team changes we managed to hold Pompey to a 2-2 draw with Sid Hoar and Ernie Simms on the score-sheet.

Portsmouth were promoted at the end of season 1923/24 and we were not destined to meet again until

our first season in Division One in 1955. We did, however, dent the promotion hopes of the south coast club in winning 4-1 at Kenilworth Road on September 29, 1924 with Ralph Hoten and a hat-trick from Andy Kerr doing the damage.

When the teams eventually met again - at Fratton Park on November 26, 1955 - the Town were the talk of the country following a string of big home wins, culminating in an 8-2 thrashing of league leaders

Sunderland the previous week. A larger than average crowd of 27,758 gathered at Fratton Park to see a 0-0 draw that was rather more interesting than the score-line suggests.

The remainder of the games leading up to the relegation of Portsmouth in 1959 were lacklustre affairs but with the Town joining them in Division Two only twelve months later, hostilities were soon resumed only to be broken again with the Town's plummet down to the Fourth Division.

Season 1970/71 saw the start of an unbeaten run of ten games in Luton/Portsmouth encounters, starting with a 2-1 home win courtesy of goals from John Ryan and Don Givens. In the return, Match of the Day cameras witnessed Givens score the only goal of the game, thus setting up a late promotion push.

In the following season, Portsmouth were 2-0 up at half-time at Kenilworth Road, but a brilliant second period display saw the Town win 3-2 with a 30-yard rocket from Gordon Hindson still remaining fresh in the memory.

Former Town captain Steve Foster made his Football League debut for Portsmouth against the Town in 1975.



Later on that season, the Town were at the wrong end of the table and in a desperate attempt to score more goals, decided to push full-back John Ryan into attack at Fratton Park. Relishing the challenge, he scored twice in a 3-0 win.

During the promotion season of 1973/74, a remarkable 3-3 draw was played at Luton, with ex-Town players Brian Lewis and Ron Davies on the scoresheet for the visitors. Pompey goalkeeper Ron Tilsed played the game with a broken arm!

Making his debut for Portsmouth in the game at Fratton Park in September 1975 was Chris Kamara. Neither he nor Steve Foster making his home debut, could prevent the Town winning 2-0 with goals from Adrian Alston



Andy King scored for Hatters against Portsmouth 17 years ago.

and Andy King.

Our last meetings took place in 1987/88 in Division One with Pompey finally

beating the Town 3-1 at Fratton Park. We took full revenge on the return, winning 4-1.

FOR LUTON AND POMPEY

Brian Lewis is a name that remains dear in the hearts of a great many Luton supporters as he formed part of the team that took the Third Division by storm in the late 1960's.

Born in Woking in January 1943, Lewis joined Crystal Palace from school and made his debut against York at Selhurst Park at the end of the 1960/61 season. He made a further 31 appearances for Palace before joining Portsmouth in July 1963 where his career took off. It was only a big money bid by high-spenders Coventry City that tempted him away from Fratton Park.

Enjoying his football in Division One, it came as a big surprise when he decided to drop two leagues and join Luton in the summer of 1968 for a massive £20,000. He was a revelation at Kenilworth Road, finishing top-scorer in his first season with 22 goals, before transferring to Oxford in January 1970.

He had a couple of good seasons at Colchester before finishing his career back at Portsmouth.

5 It happened five years ago:-
3/10/87 - Mick Harford was on target in a 1-1 home draw with Manchester United, watched by a crowd of 9,137.

10 It happened ten years ago:-
2/10/82 - Same opponents, same score but a much bigger crowd of 17,009. This time Ricky Hill levelled an Ashley Grimes effort for United.

15 It happened 15 years ago:-
4/10/77 - A solitary Paul Price goal secured the points in a 1-0 home win over Millwall to push the Town up to fourth position in Division Two.

20 It happened 20 years ago:-
7/10/72 - Goals from Alan Slough and John Aston secured a 2-2 home draw with Blackpool in front of 12,073 fans.

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

	P	W	D	L	F	A
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Away	16	4	6	6	19	28
Summary	32	15	10	7	54	48

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WOMEN IN FOOTBALL

The idea of women in football has always been the subject of jokes in pubs, but not so any more.... At least not if you believe what you watch on television or read in official media bulletins from The Football Association. Women, we now know, are here to stay — as both spectators and players.

Did you see Roxy Reddy in action for the Swifts the other week? It was on Sunday night (September 20) with Roxy, played by Eve Barker, appearing as the star in BBC 1's Screen One presentation of Born Kicking.

Written by Barry Hines, who earned fame for Kes more than two decades ago, Born Kicking did for women players what Roy of the Rovers has done for every male spectator ever to have bought a comic. It brought a dream to imaginative life and also gave most newspapers and magazines, just like this one, a chance to print a picture of a female footballer.

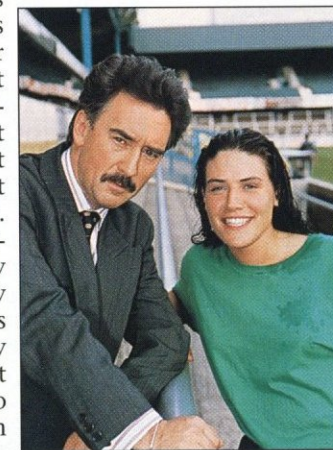
There was no point in pretending that Roxy Reddy stirred memories of this or any other league club in Britain, as such a notion would be likely to prompt an immediate writ for libel, but it cannot go unmentioned that the film was good entertainment.

The plot was thin, of course, but that did not detract from the fun as Roxy's career is charted from parks football, where she is discovered by a scout, to millionaire star via a quick fling with the club chairman and a fashion show in Milan.

And it can be no coincidence either that the F.A. has recently sent out a circular notifying all interested parties of the first national conference in England devoted exclusively to the development of girl's and women's football.

According to the F.A., the last few years has seen a tremendous increase in the number of girls and women taking an interest in all levels of football — we know all about the successful Luton Ladies here, of course.

To meet the new demand, the F.A. appointed three female Assistant Regional Directors in 1990, specifically to develop female football, and also began working on several programmes to help the development of the female game.



The first conference is a result of their work and will be devoted to three main objectives: 1) how to attract girls to football and maintain their interest; 2) how to attract women to football and keep their interest; and 3) how to develop a panel of qualified women coaches.

Several people will make presentations to the conference, including Channel 4's women's football commentator Alan Parry, and Sue Campbell, MBE, the director of the national coaching foundation, will announce a major new initiative for gifted young female players.

The conference takes place at Lilleshall on Thursday, November 12, and details can be obtained by contacting Sue Barwick at the F.A. on 071-262-4542. It may be that the conference will help discover the first real Roxy Reddy!

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Congratulations to Amanda Eaton and Stephen Pakes, the winners of the season's first Face in the Crowd competition which was in the Match Day Magazine versus Birmingham City.

MATCH DAY BOX 28

We are pleased to extend a warm welcome to Mr and Mrs Pattinson, together with their son David who is here to celebrate his 11th birthday with his friends.

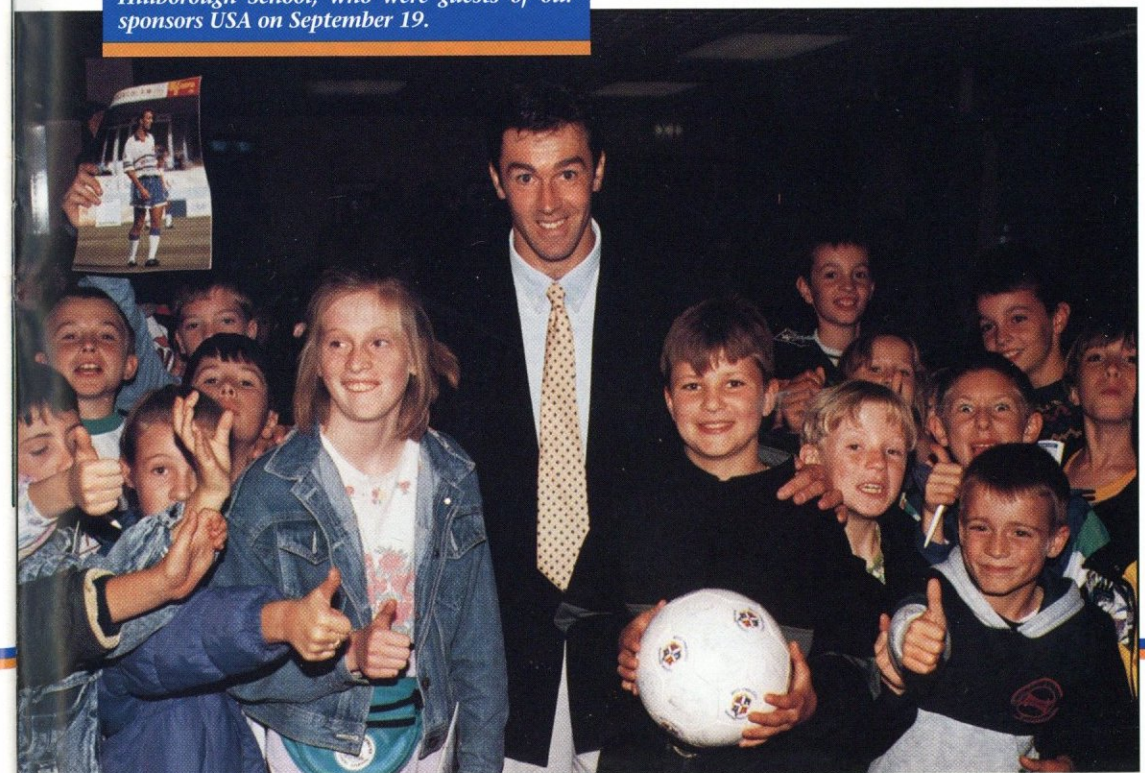
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John Dreyer is pictured with our match forecast winner, and other pupils from Hillborough School, who were guests of our sponsors USA on September 19.



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Des starts season with newly-found confidence



PLAYER INTERVIEW WITH DES LINTON

After missing much of last season through injury, Des Linton has established himself as the Town's first-choice right-back this term. As we learned from Des, he set out early to make the number two shirt his for the Division One campaign.

"From the moment I returned to pre-season training in July, I set out to perform with confidence," he said. "If you can show that you mean business confidently on the park, then you have a good chance of making the starting line-up for the opening game."

Since his arrival at Kenilworth Road a year ago from Leicester City, Des has had a troubled time with injuries. He is hoping all his problems are now behind him and he aims to make up for lost time.

"Being out for so long has provided me with an incentive to perform well this season. So far, it has been an

enjoyable experience to play regular league football. Nevertheless, I am taking each game as it comes because you do not know what will happen next with regards to injuries or loss of form."

Des had previously experienced brief league outings with his former club Leicester, but although he played in defence, he was used more in the middle.

"Leicester had the idea of making me a centre-back and I played in their league side on occasions in that position. I also turned out for them at left-back once. However, I believe my best position is right-back and I

feel more comfortable there." Now that he is established at Kenilworth Road and also a favourite with the fans, we asked Des his impression of the season so far, from an individual perspective and what he expects the team to achieve.

"Personally speaking, you can never be totally satisfied with your own performance, but I believe I have settled in comfortably. As a full-back you expect to come across wingers week in, week out, but that has not been the case very often this season.

"Many of the teams we have played against have adopted the sweeper system, therefore I am tending to face full-backs who have pushed up. However, I did come across a certain Pat Nevin in our game against Tranmere and he caused me a few problems.

"I am learning all the time at Kenilworth Road and the more often I come across the likes of Nevin, the more my game will improve."



AND LUTON TOWN

Aug 15	Leicester City	1-2	17,428	16	Peterson	Linton	James	Kamara	Peake*	Dreyer	(Dakes)	Hughes	Gray	Preece	CAMPBELL	(Claridge)	Salton
Aug 22	Bristol City	0-3	7,826	22	Peterson	Linton	(James)	Kamara	Peake	Dreyer	Claridge	Hughes	Gray	Preece	Campbell	(Dakes)	(Johnson)
Aug 29	Charlton Athletic	0-0	6,302	21	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Dreyer	Claridge	Hughes	Gray	Preece	Rees	(Dakes)	(Campbell)
Sept 2	Newcastle United	0-2	27,054	21	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Dreyer	Claridge	Oakes	Gray	Preece	Rees	Johnson	(Campbell)
Sept 5	Tranmere Rovers	3-3	6,801	23	Peterson	LINTON	James	Salton	Peake	Dreyer	CLARIDGE	OAKES	GRAY	Preece	Rees	Johnson	(Campbell)
Sept 13	Brentford	2-1	7,310	19	Peterson	Linton	JAMES	Salton	Peake	Johnson	Claridge	Kamara	Gray	Preece	Rees	Dakes	(Campbell)
Sept 15	Watford (AIC)	0-0	5,197	-	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Johnson	(Claridge)	Kamara	(Gray)	Preece	Rees	(Dakes)	(Campbell)
Sept 19	Birmingham City	1-1	8,481	21	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Johnson	CLARIDGE (pen)	Kamara	Gray	Preece	Rees	(Campbell)	(Dakes)
Sept 23	Plymouth Argyle (CCC2/1)	2-2	3,702	-	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	(Johnson)	CLARIDGE 2	Kamara	Gray	Preece	Oakes	(Rees)	(Campbell)
Sept 26	Notts County	0-0	5,992	21	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Matthew	Dreyer	Claridge	Kamara	Gray	Preece	(Peace)	(Dakes)	(Campbell)
Sept 29	Bristol City (AIC)	1-1	2,538	-	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	(Matthew)	Dreyer	CLARIDGE	Kamara	Gray	Preece	Rees	(Dakes)	(Peace)
Oct 3	Portsmouth																
Oct 6	Plymouth Argyle (CCC2/2)																
Oct 10	Barnsley																
Oct 17	Derby County																
Oct 24	Peterborough United																
Oct 31	Southern United																
Nov 3	Cambridge United																
Nov 7	Grimsby Town																
Nov 14	Oxford United																
Nov 21	Millwall																
Nov 29	Watford																
Dec 5	Bristol Rovers																
Dec 12	Wolverhampton Wanderers																
Dec 19	Sunderland																
Dec 26	Swindon Town (11.30 am)																
Dec 28	West Ham United																
Jan 2	FAC 3																
Jan 9	Birmingham City																
Jan 16	Notts County																
Jan 27	Newcastle United																
Jan 30	Bristol City																
Feb 6	Leicester City																
Feb 10	Brentford																
Feb 13	Tranmere Rovers																
Feb 20	Charlton Athletic																
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Apr 24	Derby County																
May 1	Peterborough United																
May 8	Southern United																
May 15	F.A. Cup Final																

DIVISION ONE LEADING GOALSCORERS (all competitions)

Maskell (Swindon) 8; Simpson (Derby), Whittingham (Portsmouth), Stewart (Bristol Rovers) 7; Aldridge (Tranmere), Allen (Millwall), Benjamin (Southend), Bull (Wolves), Gee (Leicester) 6.

TODAY'S OTHER BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE ACTION

Bristol Rovers v Notts County
 Cambridge United v Derby County
 Charlton Athletic v Southend United
 Grimsby Town v Peterborough United
 Leicester City v Barnsley
 Oxford United v Birmingham City
 Sunderland v Millwall
 Swindon Town v Watford
 Tranmere Rovers v Bristol City
 Wolves v West Ham United

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)	-	1(1)	-
Steve Claridge	7(1)	2	1	2	2	1
John Dreyer	6	-	-	-	1	-
Phil Gray	8	1	1	-	2	-
Ceri Hughes	3	-	-	-	-	-
Julian James	8	1	1	-	2	-
Marvin Johnson	2(1)	-	1	-	1	-
Chris Kamara	5	-	1	-	2	-
Des Linton	8	1	1	-	2	-
Damien Matthew	1	-	-	-	1	-
Scott Oakes	3(4)	1	1	-	-(2)	-
Trevor Peake	7	-	1	-	1	-
Andy Petterson	8	-	1	-	2	-
David Preece	8	-	1	-	1(1)	-
Jason Rees	6	-	-(1)	-	1	-
Darren Salton	6	-	1	-	2	-

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Barclays League Division One Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Av Att	Leading Goalscorers
Newcastle United	8	8	0	0	20	5	24	28,961	Clarke, Kelly, Peacock 3
Charlton Athletic	9	6	3	0	13	2	21	5,684	Pardeu 4, Dyer 2
Wolverhampton W	9	5	4	0	18	7	19	14,836	Bull 5, Mutch 4
West Ham United	8	5	1	2	13	7	16	13,490	C.Allen 5, Morley 4
Leicester City	9	4	3	2	11	10	15	15,177	Gee 4, Davidson 2
Birmingham City	8	4	2	2	9	10	14	8,552	Donowa 2, Rennie 2
Millwall	8	3	3	2	13	6	13	7,527	Allen 4
Swindon Town	8	3	3	2	16	14	12	9,238	Maskell 6, Taylor 4
Tranmere Rovers	7	3	3	1	10	7	12	5,523	Nevin 3
Bristol City	8	3	2	3	13	18	11	12,215	Scott 3
Peterborough United	8	3	1	4	9	12	10	9,477	Adcock 3
Grimsby Town	7	2	3	2	11	10	9	4,722	Mendonca 3
Oxford United	8	4	3	1	10	10	9	5,879	Penny 4
Watford	8	2	2	4	11	15	8	8,839	Furlong 4, Drysdale 3
Portsmouth	8	2	2	4	10	12	8	11,813	Whittingham 6
Brentford	8	2	2	4	9	10	8	7,980	Blissett 3, Bennett 2
Notts County	8	2	2	4	9	15	8	7,239	Smith 2, Slawson 2
Cambridge United	9	2	2	5	5	15	8	5,138	Chapple 2
Sunderland	7	2	2	3	4	6	8	16,738	Rush 2
Southend United	8	2	1	5	7	11	7	5,012	Benjamin 5
LUTON TOWN	8	1	4	3	7	12	7	7,736	Claridge 2
Derby County	8	1	3	4	10	12	6	15,675	Simpson 6
Bristol Rovers	9	1	2	6	12	21	5	6,184	Taylor 5, Stewart 4
Barnsley	8	1	2	5	6	9	5	6,436	Liddell 2

(Up to and including 27/9/92)

THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE: BRIAN HILL (KETERING)

An accountant, Brian is married with two children. He commenced refereeing with local leagues in 1965 and progressed via the Southern League to the full League list in 1975. He refereed the 1988 FA Cup final between Liverpool and Wimbledon and lists his hobbies as reading and photography.

LUTON TOWN

Colours: White/Blue Shirts,
Blue/White shorts

Manager: David Pleat

Andy Petterson
Des Linton
Julian James
Darren Salton
Damien Matthew
John Dreyer
Steve Claridge
Chris Kamara
Phil Gray
David Preece
Jason Rees

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PORTSMOUTH

Colours: Blue Shirts,
White Shorts

Manager: Jim Smith

Alan Knight
Andy Awford
Ray Daniel
Alan McLoughlin
Kit Symons
Warren Aspinall
Warren Neill
Stuart Doling
Colin Clarke
Guy Whittingham
Shaun Murray

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