

# Luton

## Town Football Club

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## Derby County

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**BARCLAYS**

**LEAGUE DIVISION ONE**

# We must battle as if there is no tomorrow



MANAGER'S VIEWPOINT BY DAVID PLEAT

Welcome to Derby County, their manager, players, supporters and all other connections. Particularly to 'our' Mark Pembridge and also Steve Sutton, whom we helped on his way to Derby from Forest last season.

At the moment, our two clubs could not be further apart in the financial stakes, but only two points separate us in the league table. We need a win. It is early days and confidence can grow rapidly from winning experiences.

Last week's disappointment was clear for all to see. There was a real need for leadership in the game at Barnsley. Older professionals must help younger ones if they wish them to progress in the game. That means we all have to be prepared to battle and to fight as if there is no tomorrow. I was not happy with the commitment and the understanding of instructions taken during the first period last Saturday. In that time, the game was put beyond us and we were left climbing a mountain. If there is no leadership, then the mountain will be beyond us.

Without Trevor Peake last week, I sighed for a Grealish, a Horton, a Nicholas or a Foster, but we cannot live in the past. It is no use complaining that we have no money. It is no use complaining about injuries. We all have injuries. It is no use complaining about luck. We all have bad luck from time to time (two disallowed goals and four woodworks last week means nothing). The modern game is about commitment and power as well as ability.

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gation battle despite a strong spine of Shilton, Wright, Saunders and Harford. Without support and a policy, the house nearly fell down. But now Derby have restructured and appear to have a side that are going to challenge very strongly for the top position in Division One. Their purchases have been well documented and many people expect them to be promoted.

Regardless of the result here today, I will shake Arthur Cox's hand at the end. We all have good and bad days, but because we are

Certain players must realise where their bread is buttered and not relax in complacency because there is little competition for places. We can make comparison with our visitors today from Derby County. We wish them a good season, but hope that we can enjoy the upper hand today. It should be remembered that Arthur Cox suffered a re-

Steve Claridge tussles for the ball despite the close attention of the Portsmouth defence on October 3.



thrilled to be in the game, he and I know commitment is a prime requisite which has sustained us all the more as our careers have been curtailed by injury.

I will continue to support, promote and project skilful honest footballers. We can give them the platform, the advice and our time, but they must realise their destinies will be decided by their own efforts. Congratulations to David Greene, Darren Salton and Ken Gillard who flew the club colours in this week's under-21 internation-

als. We can be sure we have the environment to produce young talent. Get behind your team. You can be sure we appreciate your support. Enjoy the game.

# International calls enhance Darren's growing reputation

PLAYER INTERVIEW WITH DARREN SALTON



**A**fter brief first-team outings last season, centre-half Darren Salton has firmly established himself at the heart of the Town's defence this term. Regular inclusion in the Scottish under-21 side has also progressed his career, but Darren is keeping his feet firmly on the ground.

"Naturally it is a pleasure to represent your country," said Darren when asked about his Scottish under-21 call-up against Germany in March. "I was informed of my selection shortly after making my full debut for Luton Town against Aston Villa, so it was an exciting time for me."

Darren, who hails from Edinburgh, stood in for Hearts defender Alan McLaren in the two-legged semi-final encounter with the Germans - a debut which surprised the 20-year-old.

"I never expected to be included in the squad, let alone the side," recalled Darren. "I had planned to push for an international place this season, so when the call came I was surprised, but I am not complaining!"

"I quickly found out that there are vast differences between club football and the international game. You have a lot more time on the ball internationally, therefore you tend to feel more comfortable with the ball and have time to look up and pass. Playing for Luton, I have to face teams who play the long ball which tends to speed the game up. Nevertheless, my job is to stop forwards scoring - and that job is the same

however the game is played."

Darren was also selected to represent his country against Switzerland recently. He also played a major part in an international under-21 tournament in Toulon, France during the summer.

"We played three games in that tournament, against the United States, Portugal and Yugoslavia. Although we lost all three games, it gave me a chance to test myself against quality forwards and to get to know the squad better. I came back for pre-season training with Luton the better for it."

Darren made his first appearance of the season for the Town at high-flying Charlton Athletic on August 29, a game which ended 0-0 and which earned the Town's defence praise for their solidity. Since then, Darren has played in every game and formed a stable relationship at the heart of defence with Trevor Peake until Trevor's injury ruled him out of the side. He hopes to continue his education as the season progresses.

"I have been happy with my form for Luton this season," he reflected. "All I need to do now is to become more consistent. Having Trevor and John Dreyer there to guide me through games has been a great help. Both are different types of defender, but both are good motivators and help me where possible."

"The majority of goals we have conceded have been down to stupid mistakes or we have been unlucky - we now aim to reverse that situation starting with today's game against Derby. A game which we will not need motivation for."



# Universal Salvage Auctions

## Welcome to the 'family club'

*Children from Warden Hill Junior School are the latest guests in our community venture.*

A party of schoolchildren from Warden Hill Junior School in Luton are offered a warm welcome today and we hope that they enjoy the game. They are here as our guests this afternoon, courtesy of our community programme sponsored by Universal Salvage Auctions (USA), the league leaders in motor salvage auctions.

The children have come to the game without their headmaster Mr Oxley and all the Luton Town supporters amongst them are not too sorry because their head comes from Derbyshire and might well be tempted to revert to his roots!

Unfortunately, a previous meeting for headmasters has been arranged for today and Mr Oxley has been deprived of the chance to accompany the 50 members of his school to Kenilworth Road. "It is a shame because I was really looking forward to coming today as are all the pupils, staff and parent helpers attending," he said.

Warden Hill Junior School is situated in Birdsfoot Lane, Luton and provides education for more than

320 children. There is also an infant school with 220 places. The school was founded in 1968 and is looking forward to celebrating its 25 year anniversary next year.

"Our school is well known in Luton for its sporting connections, particularly football and swimming," said Sports Master, Alistair Hearn. "There are several Junior Hatters members with us this afternoon and many children from our own schools league team.

"We are pleased to be invited by Universal Salvage Auctions, it is a great idea and I hope more schools will also have this pleasure in the future."

Warden Hill is the third school to be welcomed at the club as part of a series of community-related projects planned for forthcoming events.

If you would like further information on the USA/Luton Town community programme, please contact The Secretary, Luton Town F.C., Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1, Maple Road, Luton, Bedfordshire LU4 8AW.



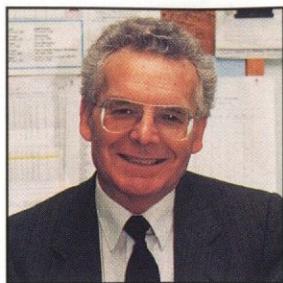
*USA director Geoff Williams is pictured with members of Hart Hill School who were our guests on October 3.*

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# Youth team re-enter Eastern Junior Cup



ON THE INSIDE BY JOHN SMYLINE

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■ A very good afternoon everyone and an especially warm welcome to the directors, management, players and supporters of our visitors Derby County. Today we greet former Hatter Mark Pembroke who will be making his first appearance back here at Kenilworth Road since his transfer to the Rams in May.

■ On Wednesday, October 21, our youth team will be entertaining Southend United in the first round of the Eastern Junior Cup, with the kick-off scheduled for 7.00 pm. This is a competition first inaugurated in 1968 and one in which the Town were previously involved for ten years between 1976 and 1986. To enable the younger players to have the opportunity of competing in an additional competition, a decision was taken during the close season to re-enter. Those supporters who are able to come along, please do so and give the lads your support and encouragement.

■ Staying with the youth team, in the next round of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup, we have a home fixture with

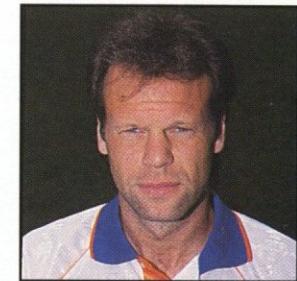
Tottenham Hotspur. The date of the match and kick-off time is still to be decided. Once finalised, details will appear in our ticket office news page, together with those for the FA Youth Challenge Cup first round where we have a home game with the winners of the Bilton Town/Port Vale match.

■ On Thursday, October 8, the Bedfordshire Football Association held an award evening where Ceri Hughes and Scott Oakes presented Coca-Cola certificates to some 70 children between the ages of 8 and 12 years. These awards were a result of the youngsters having completed a training course during the summer holidays. These sessions were held at various locations throughout the county.

■ Following a request from the English Schools F.A., we were pleased to offer our ground and facilities for a South Midlands trial game last Thursday. It is regrettable that these matches do not, unfortunately, attract the attendances they deserve.

■ On Friday, October 2, we said farewell to Tina Chauhan from our accounts department. 'Little T', as she was affectionately known, had been an employee of the club for over five years. Tina's husband has a job in Leicester which means the couple will settle there. She has found employment in the area and is now house hunting. We all wish her and her husband every success and happiness in their future together.

# Consistency the key to success



CAPTAIN'S LOG BY TREVOR PEAKE

**I**f you are ever going to be successful in football, consistency is what is needed. Putting together a string of results not only lifts you up the table, but also builds confidence in the side. Since my last programme notes we have had a bad run of results, which we must put right today to give us a base on which to build.

I am not the easiest 'watcher' of a game and to see us lose 4-1 to Portsmouth and not be able to take part was very frustrating. However, the terrible weather conditions made the game a lottery at times and did not help our passing game at all. We also met a striker in Guy Whittingham who is in great form at the moment.

The Plymouth game was particularly disappointing for me. I felt ready to play the full 90 minutes but with only a couple of minutes to go the hamstring went again. It is in a different position than before, but the injury just happened without any warning. In hindsight, maybe I shouldn't have



John Dreyer, who has deputised for Trevor in recent weeks, shoots narrowly wide against Bristol City last month.

played, but I honestly felt good and wanted to give it my best shot.

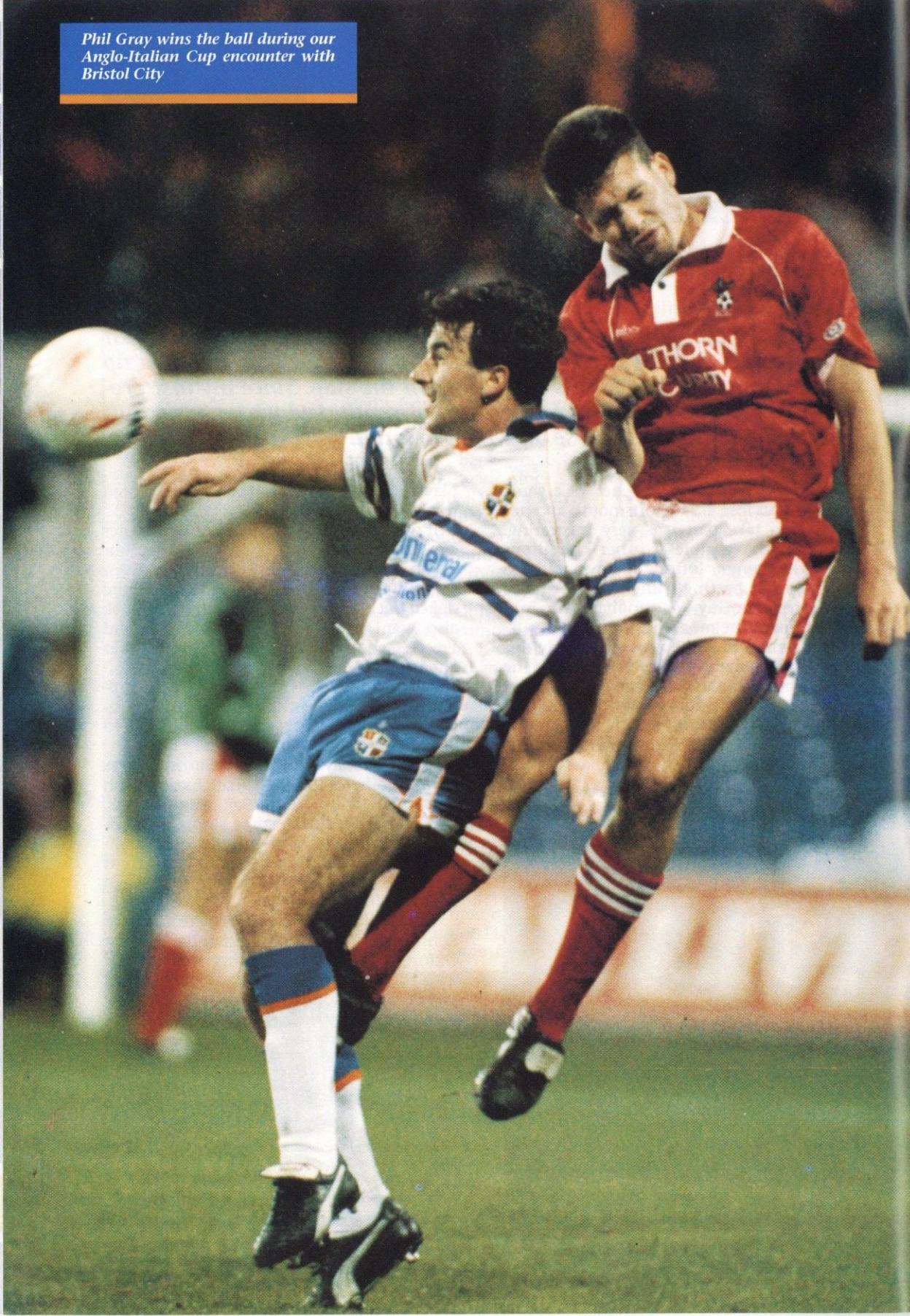
It was disappointing to go out of another cup competition at Argyle, following our Anglo-Italian exit against Bristol City. Even so, I still felt we showed character to pull the deficit back to give ourselves a chance. Luck also went against us again when David Preece's shot re-bounded off the crossbar late in the game.

I would like to thank the band of supporters who made the long trip down to Plymouth. It is nice to know we have a group of special, loyal followers.

Last Saturday's game at Barnsley was always going to be a difficult fixture with both sides in need of the points. Unfortunately due to some sloppy defending, the game was over as a contest at half-time. What we must get back to is the tight defensive unit we were a few weeks ago when we had our unbeaten run.

Today we welcome Derby County to Kenilworth Road. Until last Sunday against Oxford, they had been going well of late, with the forward pair of Marco Gabbiadini and Paul Simpson looking dangerous. They will be out to make amends for last week's disappointments - so will we. It should be an exciting game.

Phil Gray wins the ball during our Anglo-Italian Cup encounter with Bristol City



# Sunderland in televised trouncing

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NEWS ON ONE

**W**est Ham United overpowered F.A. Cup finalists Sunderland in front of watching thousands live on television last Sunday. The 6-0 scoreline adds to the troubles of Rokerites manager Malcolm Crosby as he sees his side slip further towards the relegation zone.

Crosby has been under continued pressure in recent weeks as the hopes and expectations of the Wearside fans have failed to become reality whilst neighbours and rivals Newcastle bask in the national spotlight after ten consecutive league wins.

Crosby, however, remains confident that his position is safe. He said: "When a manager is not getting results, there is bound to be pressure and speculation, but that does not bother me. I have never worried about who is going to take my place. The board have never questioned what I have done and they are right behind me." Sunderland today play hosts to Newcastle.

The victory by the Hammers was all the more surprising as leading marksman Clive Allen failed to get on the score sheet. Allen has, however, hit five league goals this season and the much-travelled striker is looking forward to the rest of the season. "I love the kind of football played at West Ham," he enthused. "We belong in the Premier League and I am convinced that we can get back there this season."

Despite the fine result, the West Ham officials will be disappointed that only 10,326 fans turned up for the game - the

Hammers' lowest crowd at Upton Park for over 30 years.

In-form Portsmouth striker Guy Whittingham hit his tenth league goal of the season last Saturday in Pompey's 3-1 win over Swindon Town at Fratton Park. The striker, who has been linked to a £1.5 million move to Nottingham Forest, is keen to talk down any transfer speculation. He said: "I would be less than truthful if I said that I didn't fancy a go in the Premier League, but at the moment I am quite happy at Pompey. I've heard all the talk about Forest, but that is all it is - talk. It won't bother me until the manager calls me and says there is something in it."

Birmingham City suffered yet another home defeat, this time 2-0 at the hands of Brian Little's Leicester City. City have had an

inconsistent start following their promotion last season, but forward Simon Sturridge believes he knows the reason why. "We have had four or five players out injured," he said. "and we have been unable to pick a settled side. It is an achievement in itself to even be near the top of the table."

City's opponents today are Tranmere Rovers who have continued their climb up the table, despite a 1-0 defeat at Newcastle last Saturday. One reason for Rovers' success has been the form of winger Pat Nevin, who is looking for a re-call to the Scottish national squad. He said: "I have always believed that if you play well enough you will be noticed wherever you are. Some of the Scottish press look down in a snobbish way at Rovers, but that does not bother me."

## SOCROSSWORD

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### ACROSS

5 Home of the pensioners (7)

6 Do it to get full points (3)

8 If you don't "6" you might this (4)

9 Club with drink and

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10 Need it to play for

England's club? (5)

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15 Hunter was strong

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17 Neighbours of "10"

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19 Boy gets round howler

at Wits club (7)

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1 Do players say it for team photo? (6)

2 Big build-up might end in this (4)

3 Place for Rams or

horses (5)

4 Will good one win an oscar? (6)

7 Header that defence

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11 When here should you

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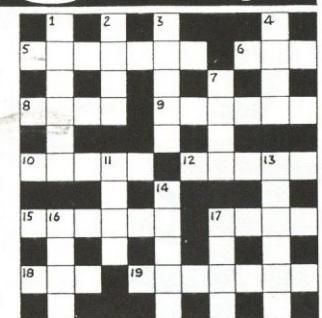
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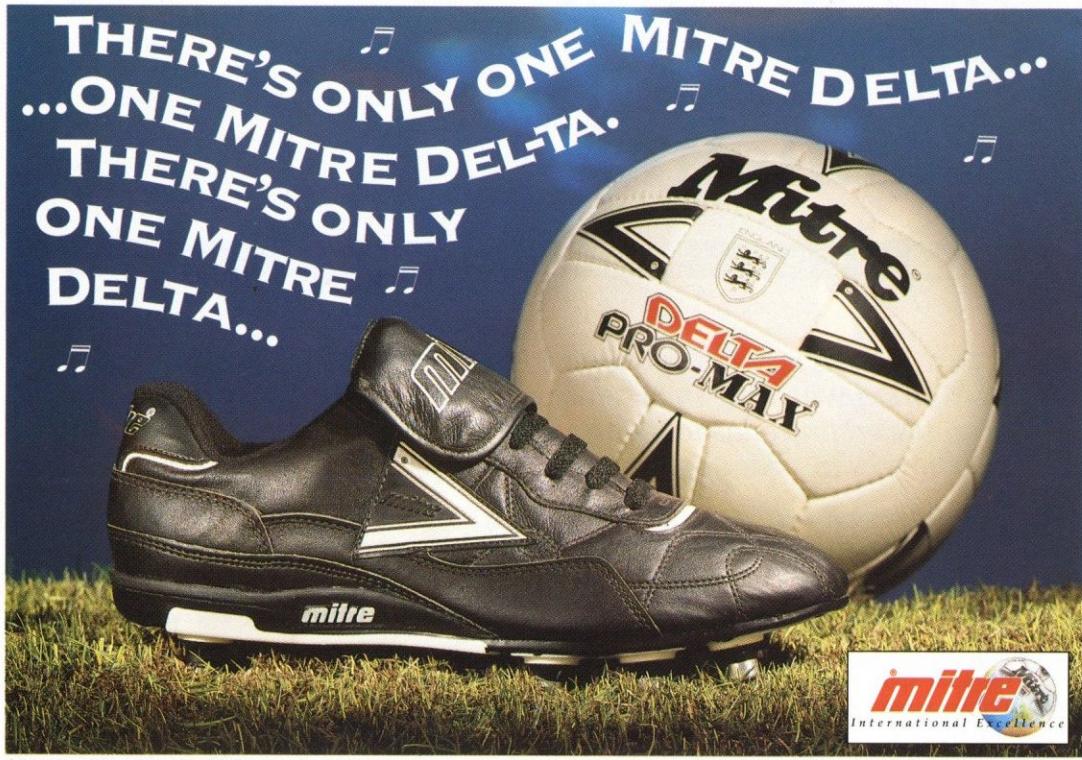
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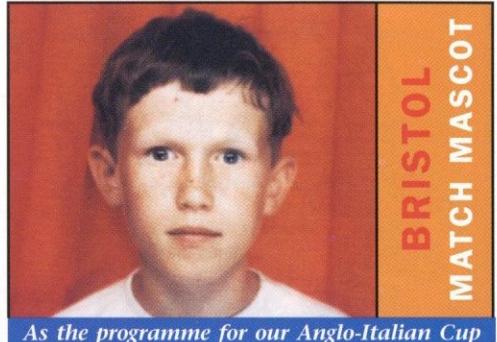
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# Fans' forum



**BRISTOL  
MATCH MASCOT**

*As the programme for our Anglo-Italian Cup match was only four pages, our mascot Junior Hatter Gary White did not have his picture included. We would like to make up for this by including him today.*

best for a successful season.

M. Scarratt, 5 Kentmore Place, Clayton, Newcastle, Staffs ST5 3QL.

## THANK-YOU USA

Dear Sir,

I am a collector of Luton Town memorabilia and I am desperately seeking last season's home shirt to complete my collection.

The shirt needs to have the USA logo on the front and a large size would be preferable. I cannot obtain this shirt anywhere, therefore I am hoping some Town supporter can help me. I will pay generously.

I.D. Saunders, Telephone: (071) 261 8751 – day. (071) 267 4812 – evening.

## PROGRAMMES FOR SALE

Dear Sir,

I have followed the fortunes of Luton Town for many years with great interest. During this time, I have collected many of their programmes both home and away. I now have a large number of them surplus to my requirements going back to the early 1960's. Rather than throwing them away, I was wondering whether any supporters would like any of the programmes to add to their collection.

If you are interested, please write to me with a stamped addressed envelope and I will send a full list of programmes for sale.

Whilst writing, may I wish you and all the players and staff at Kenilworth Road all the

## PROGRAMME WANTED FOR SET

Dear Sir,

To complete a Luton Town set, I need the following programme:

Luton Town V Doncaster (single sheet) 1951/52

I would be willing to pay a good price for this programme, so if any supporter is willing to sell, can they please contact me.

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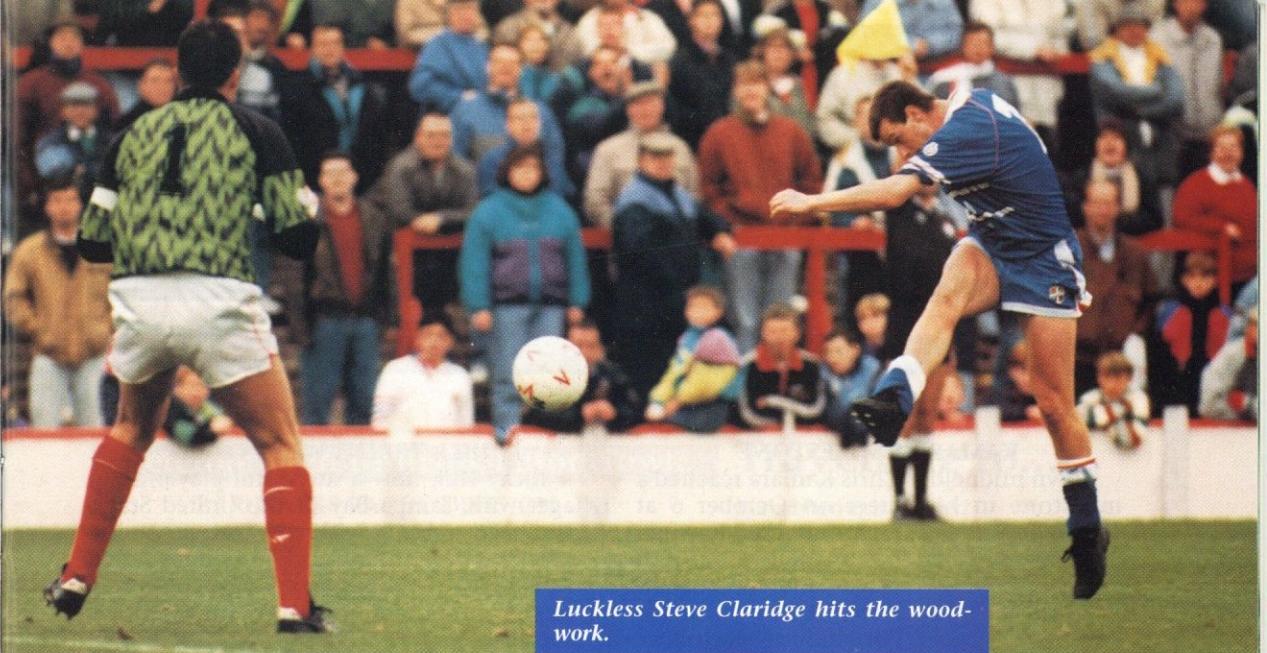
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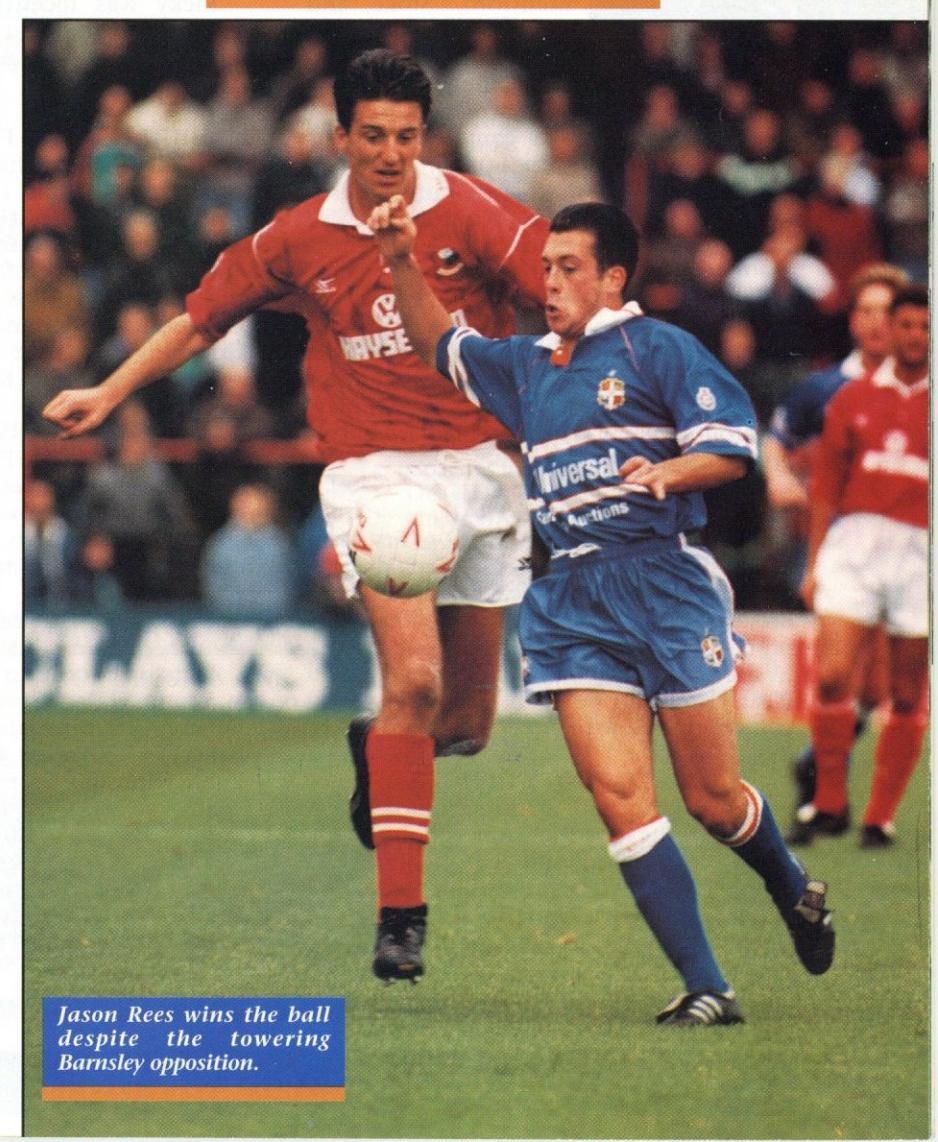
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PICTURES BY JOSH LEVY

*Phil Gray fires the ball goalwards at Oakwell last Saturday.*



*Luckless Steve Claridge hits the wood-work.*



*Jason Rees wins the ball despite the towering Barnsley opposition.*

# 700 up for Chris Kamara

AROUND THE TOWN



## KAMARA'S MILESTONE

Town midfielder Chris Kamara reached a milestone in his career on October 6 at Plymouth Argyle when he made his 700th league and cup appearance. The former Portsmouth, Swindon, Brentford, Stoke and Leeds stalwart made his debut as an 18-year-old for Pompey, ironically against Luton, in 1975 – a game the Hatters won 2-0.



Chris Kamara reaches the 700 appearance milestone.

"I feel as fit now as I was in my early twenties, so there is no reason why I cannot continue for a while longer yet. With the experience I do have, one of my jobs at Luton is to encourage and support the younger players around me, players who I believe have a great future in the game."

## COMEBACK TRAIL

Paul Telfer, who has been out of first team action since January, played his first full game of the season for the reserves against Brighton on October 7 and came through without any problems. "It is very pleasing to see Paul back in the Town's colours," said manager David Pleat. "Hopefully he will be back in first team contention before too long."

## COMMUNITY OFFICER

Gary Hooper, 40, a former Luton Town trainee in the seventies, was appointed the club's new community liaison officer on October 5. He will be responsible for forging closer links between the football club and the community.

## HILL TRAINS WITH TOWN

Ricky Hill, now a successful player/manager with Tampa Bay in the United States has been training with the Town recently. "Ricky is back in England on holiday," said David Pleat. "He has asked if he could stay in shape by training with us, and we have accepted."

Ricky was recently named American Manager of the Year after leading Tampa to the USA Cup Final and the league play-offs.

## HIGH PLACING FOR PROGRAMME

The Town's matchday magazine was last season voted joint 11th in Britain along with Leeds United in the Wirral Programme Club's annual survey. Arsenal and Charlton were the joint winners, but the Town beat the likes of Manchester United, Liverpool and Nottingham Forest. Hopefully the next survey will see our matchday magazine finish first!

## BOBBERS TRAVEL PICK-UP POINTS

The Bobbers Travel Club organise coaches to all of Luton Town's away matches. All coaches depart from Cranfield and Luton and pick up additionally at the following places:

NOTE – Time difference from Cranfield shown.

Marston Mortaine (Beancroft Bus Stop) – 5 mins later. Stewartby (outside Post Office) – 15 mins later. Ampthill (Cottage Bakery) – 20 mins later. Flitwick (Swan Public House) – 25 mins later. Westoning (The Bakery) – 30 mins later. Opposite Luton Crest Hotel 40 mins later.

All Luton coaches depart from the junction of Hazelbury Crescent and Kenilworth Road. For further information, see page 15 of today's match day magazine.

# Latest Ticket Office news



BY CHERRY NEWBERY

## 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 turnstile.

## Luton Town v Southend United

### BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, October 31, 1992 – Kick-off 3.00 pm

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

## Cambridge United v Luton Town

### BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Tuesday, November 3, 1992 – Kick-off 7.45 pm

This is an ALL TICKET match for Luton supporters. All tickets must be purchased from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road – there will be none available at Cambridge.

Seats are priced at £10.00 adults and £5.00 junior/S.C. Standing is £7.00 (no concessions).

In view of the small allocation of tickets, Season Ticket holders may claim in the first instance until Saturday, October 24 (inclusive). Tickets then go on general sale to members on Monday, October 26 until noon on Tuesday, November 3.

## Luton Town v Grimsby Town

### BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, November 7, 1992 – Kick-off 3.00 pm

Tickets for this match are on sale at the discounted price. Normal guesting facilities apply.

## 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 do so by using the 24 hour Credit Card Hotline on 0582 30748.

## Travelling to...

**Peterborough United**  
(London Road Ground)  
Address: London Road,  
Peterborough PE2 8AL. Telephone:  
(0733) 63947.

Take the A1 north to Peterborough, then take the A15 into London Road for ground.

There is a car park at the ground and some street parking is available.

**Cambridge United (Abbey Stadium)**

Address: Newmarket Road,  
Cambridge DB5 8LL. Telephone:  
(0223) 241237.

Take the A10 or the A130 into Cambridge. Then take the A45 into Newmarket Road for Abbey Stadium.

There is limited main entrance car parking and also off-street parking near to ground.

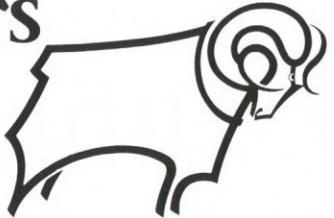
## Bobbers Travel Club

Coaches for the trip to PETERBOROUGH will cost adults £5.50 and children/OAP's £4.40. Coaches will depart from Cranfield at 11.15 am and from Luton at 12.15 pm, with normal pick-up points en route.

Coaches for the trip to CAMBRIDGE UNITED will cost adults £4.80 and children/OAP's £3.80. Coaches will depart from Cranfield at 4.00 pm and from Luton at 5.00 pm, again with the normal pick-up points en route.

All bookings and further information can be made by telephoning Paul Deason on (0234) 750996. Alternatively, bookings can be made by seeing Paul or any other BTC member at the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road or on the return journey from the previous match.

# Title contenders start to find their feet



## DERBY COUNTY F.C. 1992-93

■ Tipped as possible title contenders at the start of the season, Derby County have yet to live up to the expectations placed on them this term. With sound financial backing, the past 12 months have seen the Rams assemble a multi-million pound side with an array of talent, including the likes of former Town favourite Mark Pembridge, striker Marco Gabbiadini from Crystal Palace and Notts County wide man Tommy Johnson.

■ With such a strong squad and the fine pedigree of manager Arthur Cox, the tag 'favourites' appeared to be more than justified. However, events have not gone according to plan. Defeat on the first day

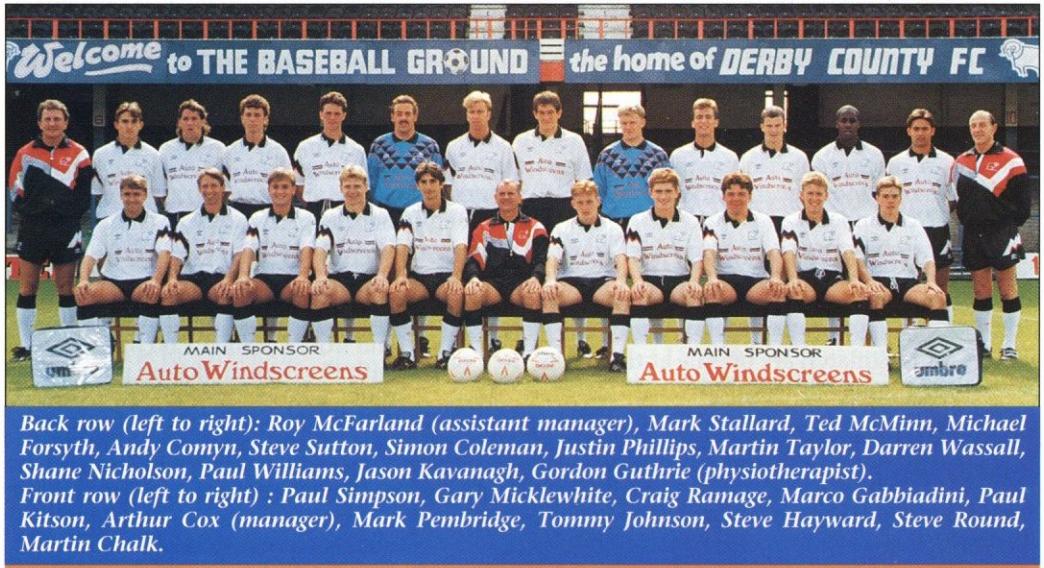
of the season at Peterborough was the start of a seven game run without a win, including defeats against Newcastle (1-2), Leicester (2-3) and Bristol City (3-4). The club were anchored at the foot of the table, with the tabloids quick to jump on the 'crisis' bandwagon.

■ With such an overhaul in the side compared to last season, the gelling of the team has taken time but results in recent weeks suggest that there is a change in fortune for the Baseball Ground club. Although they suffered a 1-0 set back against Oxford last Sunday, victories against Southend United (2-0) and at Cambridge United (3-1) have elevated the side from bottom into 17th place

in just two weeks. One reason for Derby's improved form is the consistent goalscoring of winger Paul Simpson.

■ Signed from Oxford United for £500,000 in February, Simpson has taken a starring role this term and has netted eight goals at the time of writing. "Hopefully my goals have helped in our improved form of recent weeks and that we can continue to build from here," said Paul after scoring in the victory against Cambridge United.

■ Derby's list of honours include the Division One title in 1971-2 and 1974-5; the Second Division crown in 1911-12, 1914-15, 1968-69 and 1986-87; and were FA Cup winners in 1945-46.



Back row (left to right): Roy McFarland (assistant manager), Mark Stallard, Ted McMinn, Michael Forsyth, Andy Comyn, Steve Sutton, Simon Coleman, Justin Phillips, Martin Taylor, Darren Wassall, Shane Nicholson, Paul Williams, Jason Kavanagh, Gordon Guthrie (physiotherapist).

Front row (left to right): Paul Simpson, Gary Micklewhite, Craig Ramage, Marco Gabbiadini, Paul Kitson, Arthur Cox (manager), Mark Pembridge, Tommy Johnson, Steve Hayward, Steve Round, Martin Chalk.

## RAMS ON PARADE

STEVE SUTTON (goalkeeper) - Signed from Nottingham Forest for £300,000 in March 1992, Steve had more than a decade of success at the City Ground. He spent a loan spell at County in 1985 and also served the Town for three months last season.

ANDY COMYN (defender) - Andy started his Football League career at Aston Villa in 1989. He had previously played non-league football for Alvechurch whilst studying physics at Birmingham University. He joined Derby for £200,000 - the club's first signing for 20 months.

MICHAEL FORSYTH (defender) - Michael has been a regular in the County defence for the past four seasons. A former England youth international, he started his career at West Bromwich Albion before joining the Rams for £20,000 in 1986.

CRAIG SHORT (defender) - Four years ago Craig was working in a bank and playing for Scarborough reserves - now he is Britain's most expensive defender. He followed Scarborough manager Neil Warnock to Notts County for £100,000 in 1988 and helped County into Division One. He joined Derby last month for £2.5 million.

DARREN WASSALL (defender) - Tipped as Des Walker's natural successor at Nottingham Forest, Darren decided to leave the City Ground at the end of last season. Out of contract, he joined County for £600,000 in June.

JASON KAVANAGH (defender) - A former FA School of Excellence pupil at Lilleshall, Jason joined Derby from Birmingham City for £25,000 in 1990. An England under-21 international, he made 24 appearances for the Rams last season.

MARK PEMBRIDGE (midfield) - Former Town favourite, Mark joined Derby for £1,250,000 in June. An ever-present in the Luton Town side last season, Mark has represented Wales at youth, under-21 and full levels.

MARTIN KUHL (midfield) - Martin started his career with Birmingham City, making his debut in 1983. He spent four full seasons at St Andrews before joining Sheffield United and later Watford. In 1988 he signed for Portsmouth, leading the club to an FA Cup semi-final appearance last season. He joined Derby for £700,000 last month.

PAUL SIMPSON (midfield) - Paul was signed from Oxford United for £500,000 in February 1992. He made his league debut for Manchester City in 1984 at the age of 16 and went on to enjoy four more seasons at Maine Road. Paul is an England under-21 international.

CRAIG RAMAGE (midfield) - Local boy Craig made his debut for Derby in 1989 as a striker and made 15 appearances in his first

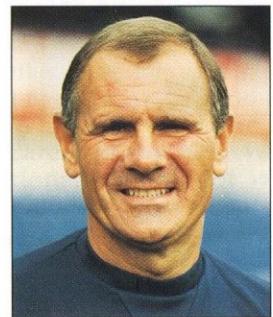
season with the club. The following year he was reverted to midfield and became an England under-21 international.

MARCO GABBIADINI (forward) - Marco started his career with York City, but rose to prominence with Sunderland where he was top-scorer for four consecutive seasons. He joined Crystal Palace for £1.8 million in 1991 but failed to establish himself at Selhurst Park and joined Derby for £1 million in February.

TOMMY JOHNSON (forward) - Former England under-21 international, Tommy started his career with Notts County and made over 100 league appearances for the club, scoring almost 50 league goals. He signed for Derby in March 1992 for £1.3 million.

PAUL KITSON (forward) - A goal provider as well as a goal scorer, Paul was signed from Leicester City in a deal worth £1.3 million which also saw Ian Ormondroyd and Phil Gee move to Filbert Street. An England under-21 international, he made 50 appearances for Leicester, scoring six goals.

## THE MAN IN CHARGE

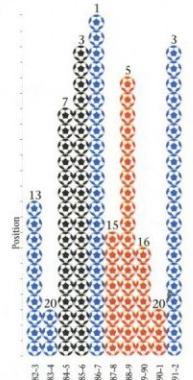


Arthur Cox started his footballing career as a full-back at Coventry City, but his career was tragically cut short by a severely broken leg aged only 18.

He moved into management when he was appointed

as Bob Stokoe's assistant at Sunderland and was alongside Stokoe on the bench when the Wearhiders won the FA Cup in 1973.

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## THE PERSON BEHIND THE PLAYER

**Name:** Jason Mark Rees

**Birthplace:** Aberdare

**Date of Birth:** 22.12.69

**Height:** 5ft 6 ins

**Weight:** 10 stone

**Signed from:** apprentice

**Previous clubs:** none

**Luton Town debut:** v Everton (a), New Year's Day, Div 1, 1990

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

**Starsign:** Capricorn

**Top television programmes:** I like anything with action, and being a kid a heart I do like the Prime Time Wrestling which is big at the moment.

**Top television commentator:** He is not really a commentator, but Bob 'the cat' Bevan has me in stitches with his full-time and half-time comments on Sky.

**Best recent film/video seen:** The Last Boy Scout is one of the few films which I have watched recently which has the qualities I like – action and adventure. I know I have seen a good film when I have been kept interested for the full duration.

**Hobbies:** I like nothing more than a good round of golf when I get some time from playing and training. To help me relax I like to play cards, but never for money!?

**Who did you support as a boy:** I was interested in football from a young age and as Leeds were big and successful at the time, I followed them. Even now I keep a look out for their results and was pleased that they won the League last season.

**Favourite away ground:** There are many good grounds in the Premier League, but

Highbury remains my favourite. The atmosphere is great and you can sense the

history at the club. The playing surface is also one of the best, probably due to the undersoil heating they have.

**Boots worn:** I have tried many boots, but find Adidas to be the most comfortable so I wear them for matches and training.

**What qualifications did you get at school and subsequently, what would you be doing now if you were not a footballer:** I left school with no qualifications and always set my sights on making it as a professional footballer. However, I would like to see more of the world, so I suppose life in the navy would cover that!

**What has been the highlight of your career in football:** Winning any international honours for Wales. It is always a proud moment when you put on the jersey of your country.

**Who are your favourite players, both past and present:** Kenny Dalglish (past) and Peter Beardsley (present). I always used to try and emulate Kenny when I saw him on television as a kid, and he just went from strength to strength with Liverpool, scoring many fine goals. Peter Beardsley is a similar player – he has a great footballing brain and should be a regular in the England side.

**What single piece of advice would you give to any young footballer hoping to make the grade:** Always be prepared to listen and learn from your coach and manager.

**What young Town player do you tip to make the grade in the coming seasons:** John Hartson and Neil Ryan stand out for me in our youth side. I expect both to be pushing for a place in the squad by next season.

**What are your main ambitions in football:** To earn a good living in football. I would also like to win the World Cup with Wales – which is more of a dream than an ambition!





Autograph

*Jason Rees*

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*This afternoon's mascot is Christopher Read. He is 10-years-old and attends Woodlands Middle School, Flitwick. Christopher plays football for his school and is also interested in computers and baseball. His favourite player is Scott Oakes. We also have a surprise for Gary White, our mascot against Bristol City on page 11...*

Welcome to this afternoon's game with Derby County and in particular, welcome to the Junior Rams who have been playing football with us this morning – I hope you all had a great time!

Today we will also see the return to Kenilworth Road of Mark Pembridge who left the Town during the summer. Mark and the rest of his team-mates have been playing well lately and last week they scored seven goals against Southend in the Coca Cola Cup. Therefore we want to hear you shout even louder this week and urge the Town on to our first home League win of the season.

On Saturday, October 31, our visitors will, coincidentally, be Southend United. We will be playing football with their junior supporters during the morning of the game and will watch the match together in the afternoon. If you would like to play football on the day for the Junior Hatters, see Bev in the Oak Road Sports Shop or give him a ring on (0582) 411622 ext. 249. Now that the weather is getting bad we will be playing in an indoor gymnasium, so Bev will give you information on the address as well.

For those Junior Hatters who have booked for

the Peterborough United trip next Saturday, Peterborough have re-formed their junior supporters club this year and, regrettably, will not be part of an exchange visit with us this season. However, the seating cost for our juniors will only be £2.00 instead of £6.00 and £10.00 for parents instead of £12.00. If you have not yet booked for this game, contact Bev as soon as possible and he will give you all the details.

Also see Bev if you would like to go 'under the spotlight' in our new programme feature. He will give you a form to fill in and you could then have your picture on our page and be the envy of your friends!

Today's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is 1060....JAMES PICKSON. James 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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# Thorpe continues goalscoring form



RESERVES AND YOUTH BY TERRY WESTLEY & WAYNE TURNER

## Neville Ovenden Football Combination 1992/93 League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	7	5	1	1	13	7	16
Crystal Palace	7	4	2	1	17	8	14
Arsenal	7	4	1	2	17	5	13
Chelsea	6	4	1	1	19	9	13
Watford	7	3	3	1	11	6	12
Q.P.R.	7	3	3	1	11	8	12
Oxford United	7	3	3	1	8	10	12
Wimbledon	6	3	2	1	12	9	11
Ipswich Town	6	3	1	2	10	8	10
Southampton	7	2	3	2	11	11	9
West Ham United	7	2	2	3	10	9	8
Norwich City	8	2	2	4	13	17	8
Portsmouth	7	2	2	3	9	14	8
Tottenham Hotspur	6	2	1	3	7	9	7
Brighton & H.A.	7	2	1	4	7	17	7
Fulham	6	1	2	3	4	10	5
Swindon Town	6	1	1	4	7	11	4
Charlton Athletic	6	1	1	4	5	9	4
LUTON TOWN	5	1	1	3	5	11	4
Bristol City	7	0	3	4	7	15	3

## 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	1-1	Mon 15 Feb	Fulham
Mon 12 Oct	Oxford United	2-3	Tue 23 Feb	Watford
Tue 20 Oct	Queens Park Rangers		Mon 1 Mar	Swindon Town
Mon 26 Oct	Brighton & Hove Albion		Tue 9 Mar	Oxford United
Thur 29 Oct	Stotfold (BPC)		Mon 15 Mar	Ipswich Town
Wed 4 Nov	Portsmouth		Mon 22 Mar	Watford
Mon 9 Nov	Wimbledon		Mon 29 Mar	Millwall
Wed 18 Nov	Tottenham Hotspur		Mon 5 Apr	Oxford United
Mon 23 Nov	West Ham United		Wed 14 Apr	Southampton
Wed 2 Dec	Bristol City		Mon 19 Apr	Chelsea
Mon 7 Dec	Crystal Palace		Wed 28 Apr	Charlton Athletic
Mon 14 Dec	Southampton		Mon 3 May	West Ham United
Mon 21 Dec	Swindon Town			

## Match Report

Brentford 0 Luton Town 2

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

Coach Terry Westley blamed poor defending as one of the reasons for our youth team's third successive defeat on September 29. "We defended badly in the opening 10 minutes which virtually killed the game," he said. "We then proceeded to dominate and create many goalscoring opportunities, but failure of players to put themselves in goalscoring positions and some downright poor play all added up to us missing many opportunities."

**Team:** Kuntz, Jukes, Brittain, Skelton, McLaren, Philp, Woolgar, Ryan, Campbell, Butler, Rioch. Subs: Power, Gibb.

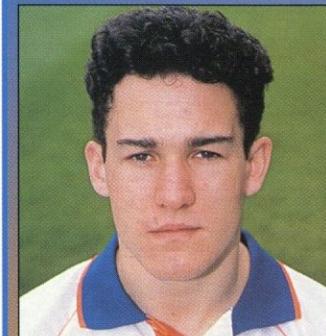
**Brighton and Hove Albion 1 Luton Town 1**

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

Tony Thorpe continued his fine goalscoring of late, with a first-half strike to give the Town a share of the points. "We got off to a great start with Tony's goal," said Wayne Turner. "Again, we had a young side with Richard Philp making a sound debut. We stuck to our game, but it was disappointing to concede a goal from a set-piece."

**Team:** Sommer, Telfer, Harvey, Philp, Greene, Thorpe 1, Williams, Matthew, Wright, Brooks, Campbell. Subs: Gillard, Murray.

## Telfer returns to action



Midfielder Paul Telfer, out of action for ten months, returned to action on October 7 in the reserve's 1-1 draw at Brighton. "Paul played steadily at Brighton and is now progressing well," said manager David Pleat. "Hopefully he will be back in first team contention before too long."

## 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
Thu 1 Oct	Chelsea (SJFC 1R)	3-2
Sat 3 Oct	Oxford United	1-2
Sat 10 Oct	Southampton	0-1
Sat 17 Oct	Crystal Palace	
Wed 21 Oct	Southend United (EJC)	
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	

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## Youth Team Appearances and Goalscorers 1992-93

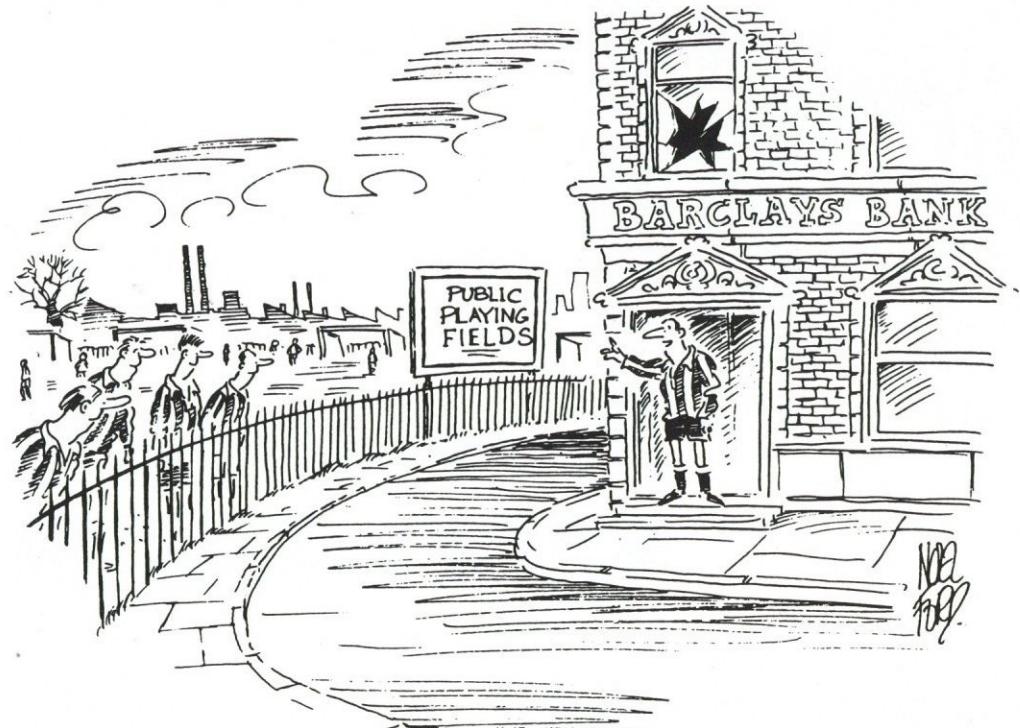
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	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls
Brittain	4(2)	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
Butler	8	3	1	1	1	1	—	—
Campbell	3(4)	—	-(1)	—	-(1)	—	—	—
Davis	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Draper	2(1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gibb	-(4)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Goodfellow	3(2)	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Hartson	6	11	1	—	1	—	—	—
Jukes	7	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
Kuntz	5	—	—	—	—	-(1)	—	—
McDonagh	1(1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
McLaren	8	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
Philp	8	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
Power	-(1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rioch	8	1	1	—	1	—	—	—
Ryan	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Simpson	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Skelton	7	1	1	—	1	—	—	—
Watkins	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
Woodsford	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Woolgar	8	—	1	—	1	—	—	—

## South East Counties League Division Two 1992/93

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brentford	7	5	2	0	15	6	12
Wimbledon	7	5	1	1	21	6	11
Bristol City	7	5	1	1	19	6	11
AFC Bournemouth	6	3	3	0	9	5	9
LUTON TOWN	7	3	0	4	16	9	6
Southampton	7	2	2	3	7	11	6
Bristol Rovers	6	3	0	3	14	21	6
Brighton & H.A.	5	2	1	2	11	12	5
Crystal Palace	5	2	0	3	10	10	4
Tottenham Hotspur	6	2	0	4	11	17	4
Swindon Town	6	2	0	4	9	15	4
Colchester United	6	2	0	4	7	13	4
Oxford United	6	1	1	4	10	15	3
Reading	5	0	1	4	5	18	1

## Reserves – Appearances and Goalscorers 1992-93

	Football Combination App	Goals	Beds Premier Cup App	Goals
Allpress	3(1)	—	—	—
Allpress	4(1)	—	—	—
Brooks	4(2)	2	—	—
Campbell	3	—	—	—
Claridge	1	—	—	—
Dreyer	2	—	—	—
Flain	2	—	—	—
Gillard	3	—	—	—
Greene	5(1)	—	—	—
Harvey	4	—	—	—
Johnson	4	—	—	—
Linton	1	—	—	—
Matthew	1	—	—	—
Murray	2(2)	—	—	—
Nogan	4(1)	—	—	—
Oakes	2	—	—	—
Philp	1	—	—	—
Rees	2	—	—	—
Salton	2	—	—	—
Skelton	-(1)	—	—	—
Sommer	6	—	—	—
Telfer	1	—	—	—
Thorpe	5	4	—	—
Williams	1(1)	—	—	—
Wright	6	—	—	—



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Phil Gray has a shot saved on the line by Bristol City keeper Keith Welch in our Anglo-Italian Cup draw on September 29.



Steve Claridge (partly hidden) scores the Town's equaliser in the same match.

# A game to live in the memory

BACK TRACKING BY ROGER WASH



**D**uring the lifetime of a football supporter, there are perhaps only half-a-dozen games that will always remain in the memory. To be a Luton Town supporter on May 5, 1990 was one of those priceless occasions.

Two weeks from the end of the season, the Town were dead and buried in Division One, six points behind Sheffield Wednesday who were fourth from bottom. However, a surprise 2-0 home victory against champions Arsenal reduced the deficit to three points with two games to play.

The next game was again at home, this time to Crystal Palace. As we had not won two games on the trot all season, it seemed highly unlike-

ly that we would break that record, especially with the pressure we were now under.

Palace came to Kenilworth Road intent on obtaining a point and their 'spoiling' tactics ensured that anxiety spread like wildfire through the stands and terraces, but luckily not to the field where the Town players kept plugging away patiently.

Sheffield Wednesday were playing at Charlton and when the news came through that they had taken

the lead with only a few minutes to go, we were on the point of relegation. However, with less than 60 seconds on the clock, Luton forward Iain Dowie latched on to a low cross from Jason Rees to break the deadlock and send the crowd of 10,369 into a frenzy.

When the excitement had died down, the realisation dawned that we still had it all to do by winning at Derby the following week as well as hoping that Nottingham Forest won at Hillsborough – an unlikely combination of results, bearing in mind that the Town had won only one away game all season.

Over 5,000 Luton supporters made the journey to Derby and were rewarded by a goal in the second minute scored by Tim Breacker, who hammered an unstoppable 30-yard free-kick past Peter Shilton. We then heard that Forest were ahead, and when Kingsley Black scored with a low drive in the 18th minute, it was party time on the terraces!

By half-time, however, Derby had levelled the score and as the game re-started,

**Our victorious team of 1989-90 are pictured in a celebratory mood at the Baseball Ground.**



we would have understood if the players had wilted. Instead, we were treated to as good a display of attacking football as we had seen for years, with sweet passing play, cutting the home team to shreds.

Looking back on the game, it seems amazing that we had to wait until 15 minutes from the end for the breakthrough – courtesy of a mis-hit shot from Black – or that we only won 3-2, but when the final whistle went and we knew that we were safe, did it really matter?!

It took hours to get out of Derby that day, with the jollity in the car-park matching that on the terraces. Your columnist was so emotional he almost kissed a Forest supporter in a service station on the A1!

**Luton** – Chamberlain,



**Steve Buckley – a star for the Hatters, a folk-hero for the Rams.**

Breacker, McDonough, Forsyth, Williams G, Beaumont, James (Kennedy), Wright, Hindmarch, Davidson, Dreyer, Wilson, Rees (Elstrup), Saunders, Harford, Williams P, Dowie, Preece, Black.

**Derby** – Shilton, Sage

**Attendance:** 17,044

## A HATTER AND A RAM

Burnley-born, Steve Buckley came to Luton from Burton Albion in April 1974, just as the Town were about to be promoted to Division One.

Seen as one for the future he did not, however, have to wait long before making his debut, deputising for Bobby Thomson in a 0-0 draw at Leicester the following October, three days before his 21st birthday.

Such was his confidence and ability to turn defence into attack with surging runs down the wing, that by Christmas he had made the left-back spot his own and he remained an ever-present as the Town heroically battled to avoid relegation.

He missed a few games the following season after an injury sustained at Blackpool, but was ever-present in 1976/77 and 1977/78 until a £165,000 bid from Tommy Docherty took him to Derby in January 1978 where he enjoyed folk-hero status, making 323 appearances for the Rams.

Steve finished his career at Lincoln City, where he helped gain promotion from the Vauxhall Conference.

**5** **It happened five years ago:-** 17/10/87 – Goals from Brian Stein and Danny Wilson secured a far from easy 2-0 home win over Wimbledon, watched by 7,018 spectators.

**10** **It happened ten years ago:-** 16/10/82 – A second-half penalty by Brian Stein enabled us a to receive a share of the spoils against Ipswich, who had taken the lead with a controversial Alan Brazil goal.

**15** **It happened 15 years ago:-** 15/10/77 – A flying header by John Faulkner was enough to see off Fulham at Kenilworth Road and push us up to second spot in Division Two.

**20** **It happened 20 years ago:-** 18/10/72 – Vic Halom and Viv Busby were on target as the Town drew 2-2 with Portsmouth. This was our third 2-2 draw in a row.

## PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

	P	W	D	L	F	A
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# Diego takes Seville by storm!

## SCENE AROUND EUROPE

**A**s the European leagues start to take shape, we take a look at the major stories making the news across the continent, also giving you the latest results from the major leagues.

The main story to break in Spain has been the transfer of disgraced Argentinian Diego Maradona to Seville. The Spanish First Division side, coached by the former Argentinian boss Carlos Bilardo, have paid £7.5 million for the former Napoli star's services.

Maradona, who has just completed a 15-month ban from world football for cocaine abuse, is delighted to be playing in front of crowds again. He said: "I want to forget the last two ugly years of my life. I am back in a new city, with new colleagues and I hope to repay the club with goals and to bring pleasure to the Seville crowd."

He made his Seville debut in a specially arranged friendly at German side Bayern Munich and a staggering 80,000 spectators turned up to watch, including the Argentinian coach Alfio Basile. "I am choked with emotion," said Basile after seeing Maradona take the field. "The world's best player is back at long last."

Seville are currently sixth in the Spanish First Division after beating lowly Logrones 3-0 in front of 40,000 spectators. Deportivo La Coruna are the surprise leaders at the top of the table and remain unbeaten after beating Real Sociedad 2-0. Barcelona are placed an ominous second after winning 4-1 at Burgos.

In Germany, former giants Hamburg are in a state of turmoil. The club who once boasted European Player of the Year Kevin Keegan in their forward line are currently second-from-bottom of the Bundesliga and last week sacked their coach Egon Coordes. He was ousted as a result of 'player power' with the first team squad voting 15-1 in favour of a no confidence vote.

Bayern Munich, with Lothar Mattheus bolstering their midfield, currently lead the Bundesliga with 13 points from seven games, following their 2-1 victory at Borussia Dortmund. Leverkusen move into second place after thrashing Shalke 04 6-1 and last

season's champions VfB Stuttgart are third.

In Italy, Dutch international Ruud Gullit has announced his retirement from the international scene. The former European Player of the Year who plays his club football for AC Milan said the decision was due to 'personal reasons', although it is widely known that he opposes the tactics used by Dutch national boss Dick Advocaat.

Last weekend there were no games in the Italian League, however Milan have continued where they left off last season – at the top of the table. A 7-3 victory against Fiorentina keeps them ahead of Juventus by one point.

Confusion reigns in the former Soviet Union, with many players still undecided for which republic they will opt to represent. A prime example is Genoa star Igor Dobrovolski who was born in Moldova and brought up in the Ukraine. However, he played most of his club football with Dynamo Kiev in Russia and instead of opting to play for his home republic, has chosen to play for Russia.

He said: "Only Russia is eligible to compete in the World Cup qualifiers this time, and my international career will not last forever, therefore I have no alternative."

Former Aston Villa boss Josef Venglos has had an unsettling time at his latest club, Fenerbahce from Turkey. The Istanbul club lost a recent friendly to arch-rivals Galatasaray, prompting the sacking of Venglos!

Yugoslav Todor Veselinovic was appointed in his place, but quit two days later complaining that he did not have any control and decisions were being made without him. He also stated in public that Venglos was doing a great job. Fenerbahce have since swallowed their pride and re-instated Mr Venglos, although the club lost their first league match of the season last week and are currently sixth in the Turkish First Division.



Maradona – back on the European stage.



# Club Shop success brings in needed revenue



COMMERCIAL FOCUS BY ANDY KING AND JOHN BUTTLE

**I**n recent editions of this magazine, we have looked at the various sponsorship, hospitality and advertising facilities the commercial department has on offer.

Today, we take a look at another of its responsibilities, the Club Shop, which sells a range of souvenirs and replica kits (both home and away).

Since the start of this season, in addition to the main shop in Oak Road, we have been operating a smaller unit in Kenilworth Road. Shortly, we hope to introduce a much larger shop, to be situated at the very top of Kenilworth Road (subject to planning approval). This will have a greater selection of goods at competitive prices – including a new range of leisure wear – and will hopefully be ready in time for Christmas.

Incidentally, we have in stock the new club tracksuit which is already proving popular.

The success of such activities help to provide much needed revenue for the club. So please, when you are next at the ground, go in and have a look around. Bev Tyler and his

staff will be pleased to see you.

Remember, every purchase you make helps the club.

## WEATHER FLASH

Despite the wet weather conditions at the last home match against Portsmouth, there was one dry place in the ground for a short time! We apologise to our Century Club members.

## MATCH DAY BOXES

We are very pleased to welcome Chris Carroll of Atlas Moving Services and his guests who have taken our match day box number two this afternoon. We are also pleased to extend a warm welcome to Gary Oliver of WS Tyremasters and his party who have taken box seven today.

## FACE IN THE CROWD

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*It was 'California calling' which led to this special birthday party in Executive Box number 28 at our last home match against Portsmouth two weeks ago. The long-distance request from Los Angeles, where his father was working, was to arrange David Pattinson's 11th birthday treat together with a group of his friends from Bedford School. We were happy to oblige and, as our picture shows, Hatters' director Peter Collins called in to make David's day by presenting him with a souvenir football.*



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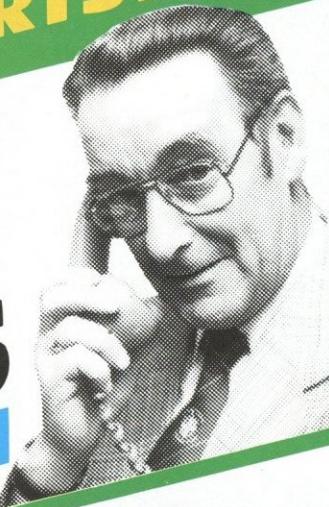
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# Brian expects a busy winter ahead



## TREATMENT ROOM WITH BRIAN OWEN

**T**own physiotherapist Brian Owen expected to be a busy man these past three months — and he has been. Now he is anticipating a busy winter due to the gruelling fixture list, rule changes and the inevitable bad weather.

"Playing so many games in the opening three months of the season certainly doesn't make my job any easier," stated Brian. "With the squad we have at present, the situation is just about manageable, but it is a play-rest-play situation for some injured players. I would prefer to see the players given more time to fully recover. However, it is a situation physios in this country have come to accept."

Another reason for the build-up of injuries has been the new backpass ruling. The ball is now in play longer and the game has speeded up, particularly due to goalkeepers and defenders now just 'hoofing' the ball upfield instead of passing between themselves.

"The game has been speeding up for a long time, but the new ruling has changed it quite dramatically," continued Brian. "With the speed of the game, players have less time to react to a situation when going in for a tackle, therefore we have seen a lot of reckless challenges, some having dire consequences for the player or players involved. I believe we will see

more of the cruciate ligament injury which Gazza sustained as a result of this."

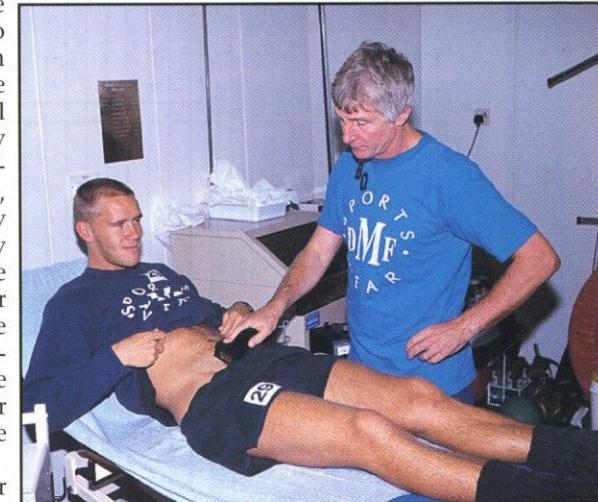
Brian also believes the law change will increase the dangers to goalkeepers — and not just from physical clashes.

"Nowadays, the goalkeeper has to sweep up like a fifth defender and some do not have the skill for that. Suddenly they are into a different situation, using muscles they would not usually use. We now have to make sure our keepers increase their training programme to include 5-a-sides and other work-outs with the outfield players.

"A n o t h e r adverse effect of the backpass ruling has been the 50-50 balls between goalkeepers and strikers. Apart from Andy Dibble, there have been few reported incidents of this nature, although I am sure that when the heavy pitches come, the ball will not run true and the situation will be even more

dangerous."

With regards to the Town's own injury situation, Brian is now more optimistic than he was a couple of months ago. "Our two long-term injured players Paul Telfer and Ceri



Hughes are now on the way back and will be a pleasing addition to our squad. Paul played his first match for the reserves a couple of weeks ago and hopefully he will be in contention within weeks. Ceri had the plaster off of his ankle at the beginning of the month and is coming on fine."



## LUTON TOWN

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10	Marco Gabbiadini
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