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Notts County

Saturday 16th January 1993

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It is vital to make home advantage pay



MANAGER'S VIEWPOINT BY DAVID PLEAT

Welcome to our first league home match of 1993. We are desperately hoping that we have made most of the changes necessary since our relegation. Because of our financial situation, the players at the club will be required to retain our status and then we can approach next season with confidence.

We welcome Notts County. It is not surprising that our fortunes this season have run parallel. Having been amongst the highest group, it can be difficult to adjust to new surroundings. Relegation brings a host of problems and the cash adjustments that have to be made, sometimes, precludes any chance to achieve quickly again. The secret is not to slide through the leagues, but try to hold firm whilst 'losing' the necessary players.

Our visitors have a far more experienced staff than ourselves and they will need some selling of players. Having sold two of the 'big fish' Craig Short and Tommy Johnson for outstanding monies, they have suffered on the field. It is not unlike our loss of Pembridge, Jackson and Black.

Today we can expect another 'sticky' wicket. Atrocious weather has played havoc with the last month's fixtures and we face, prior to today, an imbalance between our away and home games, having played three more away. That is why it will be vital to take advantage of being at home.

For sure, our away form recently has been better. In terms of performance and attitude,

there was nothing to choose between Wolverhampton, West Ham and Birmingham. The game can be a cruel animal. At Birmingham, we should have punished the home team more for our 13 efforts at goal. Our approach play was incisive; we held sway territorially far more than at West Ham or

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Wolves and yet we did not take advantage and got beaten by a sucker punch. Four points from those three away games left us three points short of a fair return.

Amongst the younger scene, the youth team beat Tottenham last Saturday after an excellent victory against Coventry City. Recently-signed professional John Hartson scored in the 4-2 victory. Neil Butler scored three goals but sadly was the victim of an off-the-field accident after the game which left him with a badly gashed leg. We hope he



Phil Gray nets the first of his two goals against Wolves last month.

recovers quickly and is amongst the goals again soon.

The two dramatic results in youth football last week were Tottenham's and Arsenal's elimination from the Youth Cup. This clearly shows that most clubs are putting a greater accent than before on acquiring good schoolboy talent.

I was delighted to see another of our 'old boys' going into management last week. Fives players of the 81/82 championship side are now experiencing, or have experienced, management. We congratulate Richard Money who has been appointed manager of Scunthorpe. Lil Fucillo is looking after Peterborough. Over at Oxford, Brian Horton and David Moss are fighting against the odds. Last season of course, Radi Antic had a marvellously successful period at Real Madrid before falling foul to soccer politics. Wayne Turner is now doing an excellent job with our reserve side here and I continually look at my photograph on the

wall and wonder if the likes of Brian Stein or Ricky Hill may eventually join the ranks of coaching/management. It is heartening to note that several of that group are still playing, Michael Small, Steve White, Mark Aizlewood and Mal Donaghy.

It is my hope that in our current side, we have players who are going to make their way in the game and be successful. Like those before, they must listen, learn and wish to achieve.

Get behind the team and we look forward to your support at our next game.

Enjoy the game.

Sponsorship deal announced for our community programme



COMMUNITY MATTERS WITH GARY HOOPER

Today we are pleased to announce that Kennings Car and Van Rental are the new associate sponsors of Luton Town's Community Programme. We thank Kennings for their support and assistance and hope that the association is a fruitful one.

Kennings have kindly donated the use of a minivan, for a year, to the club's community programme. Now able to reach schools throughout Beds, Herts and Bucks, it is a deal which has left our community liaison officer, Gary Hooper, absolutely delighted.

"We thank Kennings for such a kind gesture," he said. "Having the minivan at our disposal will now enable us to reach schools and community groups over a much wider area. We can now extend our programme over Beds, Herts and Bucks and possibly employ more people as our community scheme expands."

The community programme, backed by Universal Salvage Auctions, was formed earlier this season to help forge closer links between Luton Town F.C. and the local community. Gary visits school children in the area and gives them football coaching sessions, fun and games. "This way all the children can learn about football, have fun and identify with their local football club," continued Gary. "With Kennings help, we will hopefully see greater interest in football and Luton Town F.C. among children in the area."

Kennings Car and Van Rental are well established throughout the U.K. and have 85 branches, including one in Crawley Road, Luton. Vehicles available for rental include a wide range of cars, minibuses and vans. The company's regional manager for southern England, Mr Ray Mulford, will be continuing his long association with Luton Town, having played for the club's reserve side 20 years ago.

"I played alongside Gary at Luton Town and it is great to be associated with the club again," said Mr Mulford. "Kennings are pleased to be involved with such community projects and we hope the deal will be beneficial to both ourselves and Luton Town. We look for-

ward to seeing how the deal evolves this year and hopefully it will be the start of closer links between Kennings, Luton Town and the community."

SIGNED ENGLAND FOOTBALL FOR TOWN SUPPORTER

Mr W.Dollman, one of the Town's many disabled supporters who visit Kenilworth Road, will receive on the pitch today a signed football from the entire England squad. The prize was won in a free draw by the Football Stadia Advisory Design Council (FSADC). Callum Murray, a spokesman for FSADC told us how and why the prize was won.

"A questionnaire was distributed to disabled areas at football grounds around the country. It asked disabled supporters for their opinions on the conditions and facilities at the grounds they visit. As an incentive for completing and returning the questionnaire, the prize of a signed football was offered. Mr Dollman was the first name drawn out of the hat and we congratulate him on his prize." Over 1000 questionnaires were returned and the results published can be obtained by contacting F.S.A.D.C. on 071 224 9944 at a cost of £12.50.



Ian Benjamin and Marvin Johnson gratefully receive the van supplied by Kennings on Monday morning.



Universal Salvage Auctions

Welcome to the 'family club'

A local school is pleased to be part of our community scheme

Todays guests here today at Kenilworth Road, are Dallow Junior School. They are here as part of our community programme sponsored by Universal Salvage Auctions (USA), the league leaders in motor salvage auctions. We would like to give Dallow Junior School a very warm welcome on behalf of USA and Luton Town F.C. and hope they enjoy their special day.

The boys and girls will be joined by some of their teachers who have volunteered to supervise their day.

"The children were all given letters to take home on the last day of term before the Christmas holidays," reports Caz Meers, teacher and local community co-ordinator for the school. "It was great to watch their faces when they discovered they were being invited to a live football match. They were so excited when they went out of the gates that night".

She continued: "I think it is very important for the children to be able to visit the football ground in this way. Many of them live with-

in the vicinity of the ground but have never been able to attend a match or get a chance to see what goes on inside during a match day".

Some of the children who were a bit late in bringing back their forms were told they had to go on a reserve list as we had already reached the number given to us by Gary Hooper, Community Liaison Officer at Luton Town. "These few children, were so disappointed, but, I have now been told, that

they can go and I can't wait to tell them. They will be so pleased." reports Caz. She also adds: "Everyone at Dallow Junior School would like to thank Universal Salvage Auctions and Luton Town Football Club for their wonderful scheme."

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.



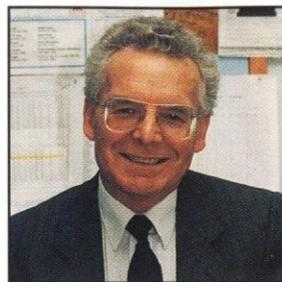
Andy King joins in the fun with local schoolchildren on a recent trip to Kenilworth Road.

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The problems of postponed matches



ON THE INSIDE BY JOHN SMYLIE

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■ This afternoon we warmly welcome the directors, management, players and supporters of Notts County. Like ourselves, at the end of last season, they were unfortunately unable to retain their divisional status. With these being the first notes I have written this year, I would like to take the opportunity of wishing each and everyone of you a very happy and peaceful 1993.

■ Many telephone calls and correspondence were received following the postponement of our games on Boxing Day morning with Swindon Town and on January 2, the F.A. Cup 3rd round match with Bristol City. Following a 10 am inspection on both occasions, it was the view of the referee that the pitch was not in a fit state for either match to be played. Furthermore, the weather forecast available at the time of each inspection indicated there would be no imminent change in the conditions. As a result, the decision taken was a postponement.

■ Immediately, calls were made to inform the local radio stations, Clubcall, Radio 5 and the Press Association who arranged for the information to

be passed to Oracle and Teletext. Incoming calls were answered until 11.30 am on Christmas morning and 3 pm on Boxing Day and January 2nd. Every endeavour was made to relay the information and prevent people from travelling unnecessarily. Regretfully, it is not possible to communicate with everyone, so to those who did travel only to find no game, I can only apologise.

■ A decision as to whether a pitch is fit to play on is for the match referee to decide. This responsibility is given to him by the Football League as far as league matches are concerned, and the Football Association in the case of F.A. Cup games. It is not, as a number of people seem to assume, by a recommendation from the Club. The Club have no input to a referees decision.

■ Disappointed at not being able to see our two home matches over Christmas and New Year were two of our Supporters Club members from Norway, Thomas Moller and Lars Petter Rannestad. Unfortunately, their bad luck continued, as they were leaving to catch the bus for Heathrow Airport, they were robbed of £55. What a sad reflection on society today that such an incident should happen to our continental visitors.

■ The collection prior to the Sunderland game by the Rotary Club of Luton on behalf of the Mayor's Christmas Appeal, raised a total of £660.18. To all those who donated a very big thank-you. This was a splendid achievement in the current economic climate.

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A welcome return, but a wrong result



CAPTAIN'S LOG BY TREVOR PEAKE

Despite the final scoreline at St Andrews last Saturday, it was pleasing to get back on the pitch and finally start playing again.

The postponed games over the Christmas period against Swindon Town and Bristol City left us all a little rusty as it meant that we had played only one competitive match in 21 days. When you prepare both physically and mentally for a game, it is very frustrating to find it called off at short notice.

The one game we did play, against West Ham, was very satisfying considering the fact that we were two goals down. We showed great determination to claw our way back into the game against a team who look promotion candidates this season. It is that fighting spirit which we will need to get ourselves out of our current position.

Despite our lack of competitive matches, I felt that we were unlucky to come away from St Andrews with nothing to show for our efforts. There was very little we could do

about both City's goals. We all felt the penalty decision was a little harsh, and the television replay the following day seemed to back this up. To our credit, we replied straight away from Ceri's goal and looked certain to come away with a point.

However, the 'final minutes hoodoo' reared its head again as City won the match with a fine strike from John Gayle. You could have put the best goalkeeper in the world between the posts for that strike and he wouldn't have saved it. A great goal, but a hammer blow for us.

We must pick ourselves up from that disappointment this afternoon and build on our recent form at home. Looking at the table, it is very close at the bottom and any team who can put a run together have a great chance of pulling clear. Notts County will no doubt be thinking the same, so I am anticipating a closely fought game.

Today's match also shows the highs and lows which often occur in football. Last season both sides were playing this fixture in the Premier League, now we are in Division One. The highs will return here if we can put a good run together.

Finally, I would like to thank all the fans who travelled to Birmingham and West Ham. Continue your fine support this afternoon and enjoy the game.

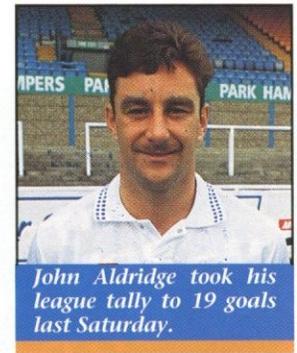


Martin Williams made his full debut at West Ham On December 28.



City feel the strain after optimistic start

NEWS ON ONE



John Aldridge took his league tally to 19 goals last Saturday.

Bristol City's 2-1 defeat at home to Newcastle United last Saturday has left the west country club with only one league win in their last nine matches. The Robins are now perilously close to the relegation zone as the season passes its half-way stage.

The season started with the club talking of promotion, particularly with the strike force of former Arsenal striker Andy Cole and Leroy Rosenoir hitting potent form. However, results have since been hard to come, which has left manager Denis Smith very disillusioned. He said: "Before the season I really felt we would, at least, be in the play-offs. That was the optimistic mood running through the club. I still know the talent is here to get the right results in the second-half of the season and the play-offs must still be our aim."

One club very much in the promotion frame is Tranmere Rovers. They maintained second place in the league with a 2-2 draw at Charlton Athletic, in front of a capacity 8,337 crowd. Scorers for Rovers were Pat Nevin and, inevitably, John Aldridge, who took his tally to 19 league goals for the season. Despite the team's success, Aldridge will not give any rash predictions for the remainder of the season. "We've surprised ourselves a bit," he said. "We are playing really well but there is still a long way to go until the end of the season. We're up there to be knocked off."

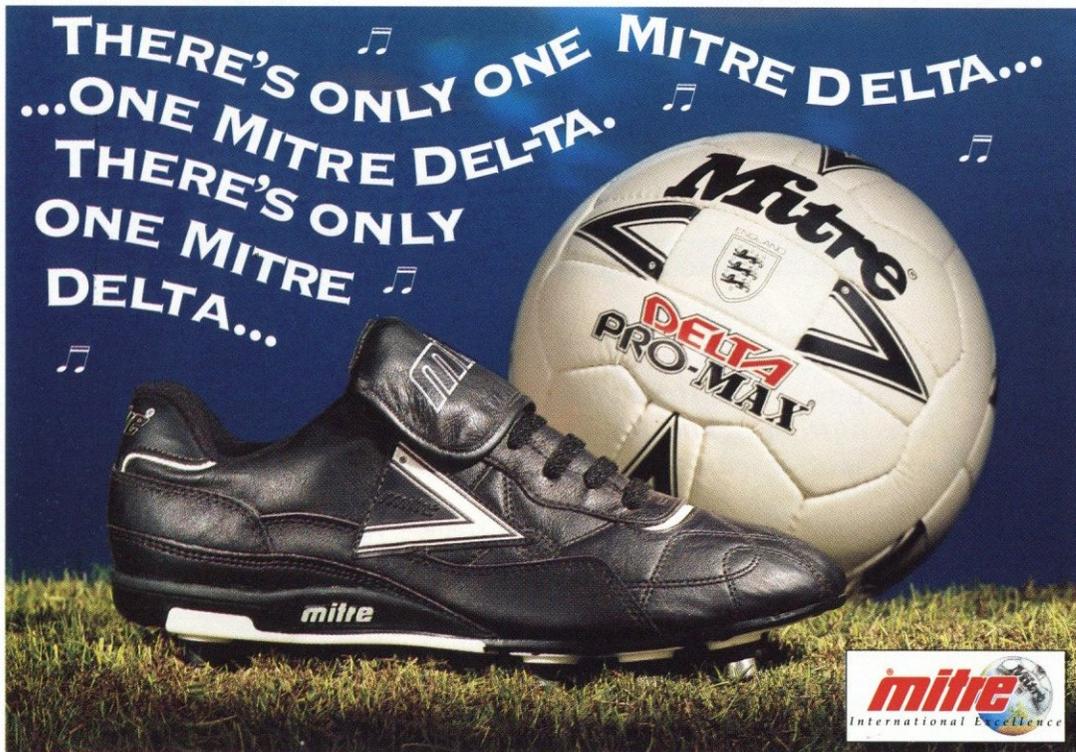
On the transfer scene, Newcastle boss Kevin Keegan has confirmed he is in the market to strengthen the Magpies' promotion bid. It has been widely reported that Q.P.R.'s Les Ferdinand is a £3 million target, but Keegan is remaining tight lipped. He said: "We are still look for forward power, but the only time I want to confirm that we are interested in a player is when there is a press conference to meet him. Whenever anything gets out, you don't get your player." David Kelly's winner at Bristol City took his tally to 12 for the season and kept United firmly in control at the top of the table.

West Ham's promotion challenge has been helped by the form of summer signing Mark Robson, who arrived at the club on a free transfer from Tottenham. Robson has fast become a favourite with the Upton Park fans for his fine wing play and predicts that he may be facing his former team mates next season: "I've been surprised with the amount of good football being played in the First Division this season. It's not nearly as 'rough and tumble' as I'd expected. If we continue to play in the same

vein, we should be in contention at the end of the season, along with Newcastle, Swindon and Portsmouth." The Hammers moved up to second place in the table last weekend, following an impressive 2-0 victory at Derby County with only ten men for much of the game.

It is a surprise not to see the names of Steve Bull and Andy Mutch feature amongst the top goalscorers in the division. The reason for this may be the form of Wolves team mate Mark Burke, who has already hit five goals this season. A bargain £15,000 signing from Middlesbrough, Burke has been switched from out on the wing to a more central role, which he says suits his game. "Now I think I am playing in my best position in midfield, behind the strikers, and it seems to be working out. I've been allowed to express myself and become more involved in the middle of the park." Despite his individual contribution, team performances have fallen below par recently. The club's latest defeat came at Watford last Saturday. The 1-3 scoreline came only seven days after a 4-1 F.A. Cup victory at Vicarage Road.

Scott Oakes returned to the side at St Andrews last Saturday.



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Fans' forum



GREETINGS FROM POLAND

Dear Sir,

We are members of the newly-formed Luton Town Fan Club, which was founded in 1988 in Warsaw. There are 156 members and some of them (the richer ones) have been coming to England for the more important games.

This month we are organising "The Gordon Turner Indoor Football Tournament" and have many more events lined up for this year.

We are looking for pen pals to send us information on a regular basis and ask for assistance through your programme.

Good luck for the remainder of the season.

LTFC Fan Club, ul, Borowej Gory 6m. 87, 01-354 Warszawa, Poland.

I wish you good luck in the New Year.
Milosz Solowski, ul, Sobieskiego 6/12, 41-800 Zabrze, Poland.

THANK-YOU CHERRY

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank the club, and in particular Cherry Newbery, for providing free tickets for a disabled friend and his helper to watch the home game with Watford. It was very much appreciated.

Being Watford fans they were a bit quiet in the car on the way home, but I made the most of it!

E.D. Barker, 7 Pie Garden, Flamstead, Herts AL3 8DP.

PENPALS WANTED

We have received letters from two boys in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe looking for penpals who support Luton Town F.C. They are both football-mad and would like to get to know more about the club. If you are interested in corresponding, please write to either:

Gidmore Chitoro or	Itayi Kazimngizi,
1623 Four Street,	379 Ninth Street,
Makokobah,	Makokobah,
P.O. Mzilikazi,	P.O. Mzilikazi,
Bulawayo,	Bulawayo,
Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe

FURTHER INTEREST FROM POLAND!

Dear Sir,

My name is Milosz Sorowski and I am 21-years-old. As a life-long fan of English football (not only the Premier League), I would like to correspond with Luton Town supporters as Luton are my favourite First Division team.

It is very difficult to get news on the Hatters in the Polish press and that is why I would like pen pals to deepen my knowledge of Luton Town.



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ACTION REPLAY

From: St Andrews

Date: January 9, 1993

BIRMINGHAM CITY 2

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Attendance: 9,601

PICTURES BY JOSH LEVY

*John Dreyer
awaits a Luton
set-piece*

*Ceri Hughes breaks free to
mount another Town attack.*



Phil Gray attempts to capitalise on a Birmingham back-pass



Loan spell extended for Juergen



AROUND THE TOWN

KEEPER IMPRESSES AT TORQUAY

Town reserve team goalkeeper Juergen Sommer has had his loan spell at Torquay United extended for another month. He originally joined the Gulls in October, but has impressed in the first team, helping the club's battle against relegation in Division Three.

NEW CLUB SHOP NOW OPEN

The new Luton Town Club Shop is now open in Kenilworth Road. This much larger shop enables the club to display a greater selection of club merchandise under one roof. It replaces the previous shop in Oak Road and the small unit in Kenilworth Road and is more conveniently situated for Town supporters.

SALTON HOME FOR THE WEEKEND

Our Scottish under-21 defender Darren Salton, who was injured in a car crash on November 26, is making good progress at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge. He is currently undergoing rehabilitation treatment and spent last weekend at home

with his parents in Cambridgeshire, before returning to hospital.

LUTON FOOTBALL RAISES MUCH-NEEDED CASH

A football, signed by all the players at Luton Town, helped the Operations Team at Britannia Airways raise £6,563.92 for their 'Flying Start For Kids Campaign'. The overall total raised throughout the company was £170,000 and 75 per cent of this money will be given to the Save The Children Fund to help children in the U.K.

YOUTH PLAYERS' TV ROLE

Did you spot our youth team players in front of the cameras in Eastenders on Thursday night? They were used as extras in a football storyline which is currently taking centre stage in the twice-weekly soap opera. If you missed the lads, there is another chance to see whether they should stick to playing football when they appear on Thursday, January 21 at 7.30 pm!

Singers join in the festive spirit

To help create a festive atmosphere at our league match with Sunderland last month, a choir from the Church of England in Walkern came to Kenilworth Road. They sang a selection of Christmas carols before kick-off and at half-time and we thank club chaplain, Mervyn Terrett, for organising the event.



Latest Ticket Office news



BY CHERRY NEWBERY

Luton Town v Newcastle United

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Wednesday, January 27, 1993 - Kick-off 7.45 pm
Tickets for this match are on sale at normal league prices. Normal guesting facilities apply.

Bristol City v Luton Town

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, January 30, 1993 - Kick-off 3.00 pm
Standing only available for Luton Town supporters. Pay on the turnstile on the day, price £6.00 (no concessions).

Luton Town v Leicester City

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, February 6, 1993 - Kick-off 3.00 pm
Tickets for this match are now on sale at the discounted price. Normal guesting facilities apply.

Luton Town v Brentford

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Wednesday, February 10, 1993 - Kick-off 7.45 pm
Tickets for this match are now 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 - kick-off, after the match 4.45 pm - 5.15 pm. For bookings, membership and inquiries, 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...

Bristol City

Address: Ashton Gate, Bristol BS3 2EJ. Telephone: (0272) 632812. Take the M4, then the M32 into Bristol city centre. Then cross the swing bridge and branch left into Winterstoke Road for Ashton Gate. Street parking is available. Nearest railway: Bristol Temple Meads.

Tranmere Rovers

Address: Prenton Park, Prenton Road West, Birkenhead, Wirral L42 9PN. Telephone (051) 608 3677. Take the M53 to junction 4. Take the fourth exit from the roundabout to the B5151. Then turn right into Prenton Park West for Prenton Park. Nearest railway: Hamilton Square, Rock Ferry (1 mile).

Bobbers Travel Club

Coaches for the trip to BRISTOL CITY will cost adults £8.50 and children/OAP's £7.00. Coaches will depart from Cranfield at 9.00 am and from Luton at 10.00 am with the normal pick-up points en route.

Coaches for the trip to TRANMERE ROVERS will cost £9.80 adults and £8.00 children/OAP's. Coaches will depart from Cranfield at 8.45 am and from Luton at 9.45 am, 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, you can book by seeing Paul or any other BTC member at the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road or on the return journey from the previous match.

Another chapter opens in the Magpies' 'yo-yo' existence

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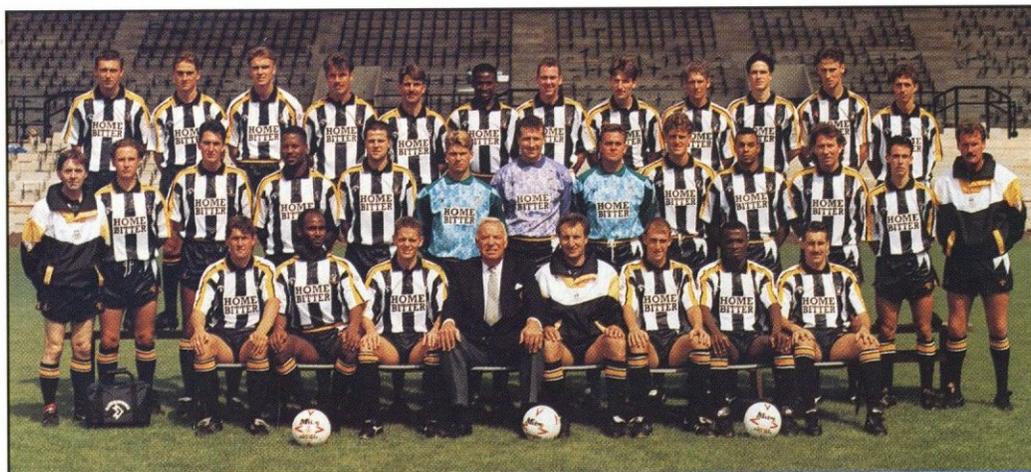
■ Notts County visit Kenilworth Road this afternoon in a similar predicament to the Hatters, having lost their top-flight status and struggling to come to terms with their new surroundings. However, for the Magpies this season is another chapter in their recent turbulent league history. In the last ten seasons, they have featured in Divisions One, Two and Three with their latest spell in the top-flight lasting only one season.

■ Despite this 'yo-yo' existence, the club have shown their intentions for the future by the transformation which has been made at their Meadow Lane ground. Now nearly all-seater, £3.6 million has been spent on improvements to make Meadow Lane one of the finest grounds in the First Division. It is a testament to their Chairman, Derek Pavis, and shows just what can be achieved by a smaller club. Now they must aim at matching their fine surroundings with an improved performance on the pitch.

■ At the time of writing, the club are struggling in 24th position in Division One after a run which saw the club win only once in 14 attempts (a 1-0 home victory against fellow

strugglers Cambridge United). Ironically, their poor form coincided with the departure of highly-rated defender Craig Short to Derby County for £2.5 million. With fellow centre-back Dean Yates sidelined with a serious knee injury, the Magpies have been leaking goals due to the void left by two of their most influential players. For Dean though, the road to recovery is almost complete and it is hoped his return can help lift the side during such a crucial stage to the season. "This injury has given me a frustrating time," said Dean, who was linked with Liverpool before his injury. "I wondered whether I should ever play again. Fortunately the nightmare is over and everyone is pleased with my progress."

■ Notts County F.C. are the oldest club in the Football League. The meeting which put the club on a firm footing was held at the George IV Hotel in December 1864. The club made its debut appearance in the Football League in 1888 as a founder member and has since won the Division Two championship in 1897, 1914 and 1923; the Fourth Division title in 1917; the Division Three crown in 1990 and the Division Three (S) championship in 1932 and 1950.



Back row (left to right): Gavin Worboys, Richard Walker, Andy Williams, Meindert Dijkstra, Kevin Wilson, Michael Johnson, Rob Matthews, Chris Short, Paul Harding, Paul Cox, Steve Slawson, Mark Wells.

Middle row (left to right): Dave Lawson (physiotherapist), Paul Devlin, Richard Dryden, Charlie Palmer, Dean Yates, James Walker, Bob Catlin, Steve Cherry, Craig Short (now Derby), Alan Paris, Don O'Riordan, Tommy Gallagher, Mick Jones (assistant manager).

Front row (left to right): Dave Smith, Tony Agana, Phil Turner, Derek Pavis (chairman), Neil Warnock (manager), Mark Draper, Kevin Bartlett, Dean Thomas.

MAGPIES ON PARADE

STEVE CHERRY (goalkeeper) - Nottingham-born Steve started his career with Derby County in 1980 and spent six seasons at the Baseball Ground. He spent three years at Walsall and Plymouth before returning to the Midlands with County for £70,000.

CHRIS SHORT (defender) - Chris joined County from Scarborough for £100,000 in 1990 and has made great strides since. He had a trial period with Manchester United in his Scarborough days and seemed bound for Old Trafford until Neil Warnock nipped in to secure his signature.

MEINDERT DIJKSTRA (defender) - Meindert moved to Meadow Lane last summer from Dutch club Willem II for £155,000. He spent 13 seasons with NAC Breda before joining Willem and can operate equally as well in midfield.

CHARLIE PALMER (defender) - Charlie began his career with Watford, helping the club's rise to the old First Division. He had also enjoyed spells at Derby and Hull before joining the Magpies for £25,000 in 1989. He is now approaching his 200th appearance for County.

RICHARD DRYDEN (defender) - Signed from Exeter City for £250,000 in 1991. Versatile Richard started his career at Bristol Rovers, making his debut in 1986. Last season he quickly established himself in the First Division with County, making 32 appearances and scoring one goal.

MARK DRAPER (midfield) - England under-21 international, Mark emerged from County's Y.T.S. scheme, making his debut as a 17-year-old in 1988. A skilful player with a big match temperament, he has since made over 150 appearances for the Magpies.

DEAN THOMAS (midfield) - Dean originally learned his trade as a left back with Nuneaton Borough before moving south to figure in Wimbledon's rise up the league in 1981. He later had spells with Fortuna Dusseldorf and Northampton before joining County for £175,000 in 1990.

PHIL TURNER (midfield) - A £125,000 signing from Leicester City in 1989, Phil started his league career with Lincoln and made his debut in 1980. He spent seven seasons at Sincil Bank and made over 250 league appearances before joining Grimsby. He joined Leicester in 1988.

ANDY WILLIAMS (midfield) - Andy joined County on loan from Leeds United last season and made such an impression that he was signed by the club for £115,000 in February 1992. A late starter in the game, he had previously had spells with Coventry City and Rotherham.

KEVIN WILSON (forward) - Kevin was signed last season from Chelsea for £225,000 and scored on his debut v Crystal Palace. The experienced Northern Ireland international is no stranger to the East Midlands, having began his career as a free-scoring striker with Derby County.

KEVIN BARTLETT (forward) - Kevin started his career with Portsmouth in 1980 but after failing to command a regular place, dropped out of league football. He returned in 1986 with Cardiff City before establishing himself as a class striker with West Brom. He joined County two years ago for £150,000.

DAVID SMITH (forward) - David arrived at Meadow Lane during the summer for £110,000 after a brief spell with Plymouth. He was given his chance in league football at the age of 25 with Gillingham and has also seen service with Bristol City.

GARY LUND (forward) - Former England under-21 international, Gary started his career at Grimsby before joining Lincoln City in 1987. He joined County for £40,000 later that year, scoring 21 times in his first season.

TONY AGANA (forward) - Tony started his career with Watford in 1987, but midway through his first season joined Sheffield United. He went on to establish himself as a proven goalscorer, prompting County to part with £500,000 for his signature.

MEET THE BOSS

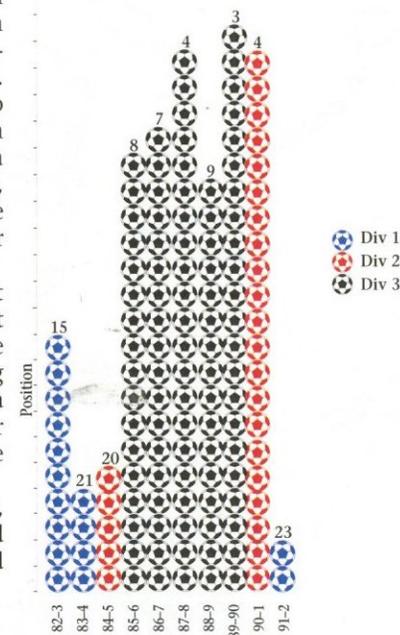


Neil Warnock started his managerial career with Burton Albion, where he was manager for five years. However, he came to prominence in 1987 when he led Scarborough, then a Vauxhall Conference side, into the Football League for the first time in their history.

He had become a target for many top clubs, but it was at Notts County that he felt his future lay, joining the club in January 1989. His arrival was hailed as a brilliant appointment by many pundits who were later proven to be correct, as Warnock led the club into the top flight from Division Three in successive seasons.

Their time in the old Division One was, however, short lived as the club struggled after Christmas and found themselves relegated along with the Town and West Ham United.

Notts County 10 year record



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Meet the real Jamie Campbell



THE PERSON BEHIND THE PLAYER

Name: Jamie Campbell
Birthplace: Birmingham

Date of birth: 21.10.72

Height: 6 feet 1 ins

Weight: 11 st 7 lbs

Signed from: apprentice July 1990

Previous clubs: none

Luton Town debut: v Sheffield United (a), 30.11.91

International honours: none

Family: Mum, Dad, two brothers and two sisters

Car: Vauxhall Astra

Starsign: Libra

Top television programme: As I am sports mad, I like all sports programmes.

Top television commentator: I haven't got one.

Best recent film/video seen: A Few Good Men has a good, interesting storyline.

Hobbies: Playing tennis and snooker with some of the other reserve team lads.

Who did you support as a boy: I was born and brought up in Birmingham, so I used to go and watch Aston Villa who were by far the best team in the area - and still are.

Favourite away ground and why: Highbury, it has great facilities and a great atmosphere.

Boots worn: Nike

What qualifications did you get at school and what would you be doing now if you were not a footballer: I passed four 'O' Levels in PE, History, Humanities and Graphic Design. If I hadn't become a footballer, I would be at college now, furthering my education.

What has been the highlight of your career so far in football: Making my League debut for Luton at Sheffield United and also scoring my first senior goal for the club at Leicester in August.

Who are your favourite players past and present: The former Villa forward Gary Shaw was a class striker and I used to look up to him as a kid. Today, Glenn Hoddle still shows the grace he had when he was at his peak ten years ago.

What advice would you give to any young footballer hoping to make the grade: What ever level you play at, always try your best and be willing to listen and learn to those who are teaching you.

What young Town player do you tip to make the grade in coming seasons: John Hartson and Aaron Skelton are often mentioned, but I reckon Greg Riech also has a future in the game. He works hard and is a good all-round player.

What are your main ambitions in football: To play for as long as possible, avoid injuries and be happy at whatever I do.



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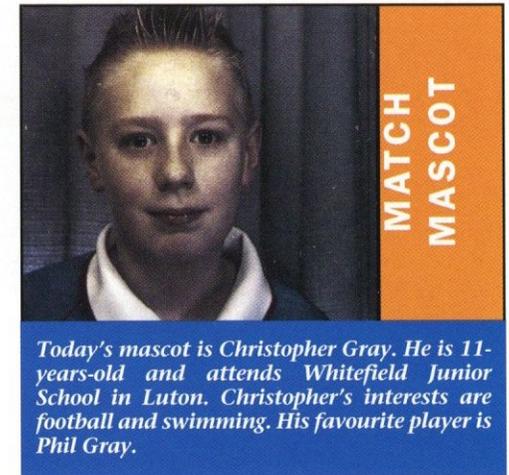
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Great fun had by all at the Xmas party!

JUNIOR HATTERS WITH RICHARD HARVEY



Today's mascot is Christopher Gray. He is 11-years-old and attends Whitefield Junior School in Luton. Christopher's interests are football and swimming. His favourite player is Phil Gray.

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

As the game with Swindon Town on December 26 was postponed due to the pitch being frost bound, I will let you know what a great time we all had at the Junior Hatters Christmas Party. First of all I would like to thank everyone who helped with the party. I know that a lot of hard work was put in to make it a success.

I would also like to thank McDonalds for providing some goodies for you all, which were very nice. I thought that some of the singing on the Karaoke was excellent, but I think some of you girls had better not take up singing as a career! It was a good try, but I have heard a cat make a better sound! Some of the players would have had a go, but I think that they did not want to show you up. I had a go - even if I was the last one. I hope you enjoyed yourselves at

the party. I know we all did.

When we travelled to West Ham on December 28, we had an invite to play six-a-side on the pitch before the main game. The team, which consisted of eight and nine year olds, lost 3-1. However, we all had a good time and the boys went into the dressing room to meet the manager and the players. It was a day to remember and you too have the opportunity to join in the fun as the Junior Hatters run a coach to nearly all Luton Town away games. Call into the new shop in Kenilworth Road for details.

Today's lucky membership number is 1144.....DAVID ROLY. David wins two free tickets to one of our home games this season. To claim your prize, please call into the new shop in Kenilworth Road with your membership card.

JUNIOR HATTERS SPOTLIGHT



Membership No: 1032
Name: Gary Lewis
D.O.B./Place: 3/2/85 Luton
School: Chantry Junior School
1st Luton game: v Liverpool (h) 1991
Favourite player: Scott Oakes

Favourite ground: West Ham
Number of grounds visited: 7
Favourite Town goal: Mick Harford v Arsenal
Hobbies: Football and computer games
What do you like about football: Seeing good goals scored
What do you dislike about football: Nothing
Who accompanies you to Luton matches: My Dad and brother
Ambition on leaving school: To play for Luton Town

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Our leading goalscorer Phil Gray attacks the Wolves back line on December 12.

Semi-final place for Westley's boys



RESERVES AND YOUTH BY TERRY WESTLEY & WAYNE TURNER

Neville Ovenden Football Combination 1992/93 League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	15	10	3	2	34	16	33
Chelsea	16	9	4	3	35	21	31
Wimbledon	16	9	4	3	26	14	31
Ipswich Town	17	9	2	6	30	24	29
Crystal Palace	16	7	6	3	34	22	27
Tottenham Hotspur	16	7	5	4	37	16	26
Q.P.R.	14	7	5	2	25	13	26
Watford	17	6	7	4	25	29	25
Arsenal	16	7	3	6	29	18	24
Brighton & H.A.	17	7	2	8	22	37	23
Oxford United	17	5	6	6	20	31	21
Southampton	15	5	5	5	20	20	20
Norwich City	17	4	6	7	31	36	18
Charlton Athletic	16	5	3	8	18	27	18
West Ham United	16	4	3	9	22	25	15
LUTON TOWN	14	3	5	6	16	22	14
Portsmouth	14	3	4	7	18	31	13
Fulham	17	3	3	11	12	34	12
Bristol City	14	2	5	7	16	24	11
Swindon Town	14	2	5	7	18	28	11

Neville Ovenden Football Combination Fixtures Season 1992/93

Mon 17 Aug	Millwall	1-2	Tue 5 Jan	Bristol City	0-3
Mon 24 Aug	Fulham	2-1	Mon 11 Jan	Chelsea	
Mon 31 Aug	Queens Park Rangers	0-0	Mon 18 Jan	Arsenal	
Mon 7 Sept	Crystal Palace	1-4	Wed 27 Jan	Ipswich Town	
Mon 14 Sept	Tottenham Hotspur	1-4	Mon 1 Feb	Charlton Athletic	
Wed 7 Oct	Brighton & Hove Albion	1-1	Fri 12 Feb	Norwich City	
Mon 12 Oct	Oxford United	2-3	Mon 15 Feb	Fulham	
Mon 26 Oct	Brighton and Hove Albion	1-2	Tue 23 Feb	Watford	
Thur 29 Oct	Stotfold (BPC)	4-0	Mon 1 Mar	Swindon Town	
Wed 4 Nov	Portsmouth	2-2	Tue 9 Mar	Oxford United	
Mon 9 Nov	Wimbledon	1-0	Mon 15 Mar	Ipswich Town	
Thur 12th Nov	Portsmouth	1-1	Mon 22 Mar	Watford	
Mon 23 Nov	West Ham United	2-0	Mon 29 Mar	Millwall	
Thur 10 Dec	Leighton Town (BPC)	3-1	Mon 5 Apr	Oxford United	
Mon 14 Dec	Southampton	1-1	Wed 14 Apr	Southampton	
Thur 17th Dec	Wimbledon	0-1	Mon 19 Apr	Chelsea	
Mon 21 Dec	Swindon Town	1-2	Wed 28 Apr	Charlton Athletic	
Tue 29 Dec	Arsenal	1-0	Mon 3 May	West Ham United	

Match Report

Luton Town 1 Southampton 1
Neville Ovenden Football Combination, Monday, December 14, 1992.

The Town's reserve team made it seven games without defeat against Southampton. It was a game which coach Wayne Turner stated was one of the team's hardest this season. "Southampton proved to be a very strong team in one of our most difficult games yet. Our commitment was tremendous and we defended as a unit, restricting them to only a couple of chances. In the second-half we tired going forward, but still created enough chances to have won the match."

Team: Petterson, Linton, Gillard, Skelton, Greene, Allpress, Thorpe, Campbell, Hartson 1, Williams, Harvey. Subs: Murray, Flain.

Wimbledon 1 Luton Town 0
Neville Ovenden Football Combination, Thursday, December 17, 1992.

Our reserve team's recent run of results came to an end with a hard and physical game at Wimbledon. "We coped with their physical presence very well, but when it came to the creative side of our game, we never inspired," said coach Wayne Turner. It was only the second time this season that the side had failed to score and left Wayne in no doubt why goals were not scored. "We must have more movement and better passing in the final third to score goals."

Team: Petterson, Philp, Gillard, Skelton, Greene, Allpress, Williams, Campbell, Hartson, Brooks, Flain. Subs: Murray, Thorpe.

Hartson double keeps cup run going



Our youth team progressed to the semi-final of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup last Wednesday with a fine 2-1 home victory against Coventry City. Two strikes from prolific goalscorer John Hartson settled the tie and it was the third Premier League scalp the boys had taken in the competition, having previously beaten Chelsea and Tottenham.

Reserves - Appearances and Goalscorers 1992-93

	Football Combination	
	App	Goals
Allpress	9(4)	-
Brooks	7(4)	3
Campbell	11(1)	3
Chamberlain	2	-
Claridge	1	-
Dreyer	7	1
Flain	6(3)	-
Gillard	10	-
Greene	13(1)	-
Harvey	7	-
Hartson	4	2
Hughes	4	-
Johnson	5	-
King	3	-
Linton	4	-
Matthew	2	-
Murray	3(7)	-
Nogan	4(1)	-
Oakes	6	1
Peake	1	-
Petterson	4	-
Philp	3	-
Rees	3	-
Salton	2	-
Skelton	4(1)	-
Sommer	8	-
Telfer	2	-
Thorpe	13(1)	5
Watkins	1	-
Williams	10(2)	2
Wright	6	1

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Youth Team Appearances and Goalscorers 1992-93

	S.E.C.L.		S.J.F.C.		S.E.C.L.C.		F.A.Y.C.		E.J.C.	
	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls
Brittain	7(3)	-	2	-	1	-	(-2)	-	-	-
Butler	13	5	4	2	1	-	2	3	1	1
Campbell	5(4)	2	(-2)	-	(1)	-	(-1)	-	(-1)	-
Davis	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Draper	2(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gibb	3(6)	-	(-2)	1	-	-	2	1	1	1
Goodfellow	3(2)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hartson	9	11	4	5	1	-	2	1	1	1
Jukes	12	-	4	-	-	-	2	-	1	-
Kuntz	9	-	-	-	(-1)	-	-	-	1	-
McDonagh	1(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
McLaren	13	-	4	-	1	-	2	-	1	-
Norman	(-1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philp	13	1	4	-	1	-	2	-	1	1
Power	(-4)	2	(-2)	1	-	-	-	-	(-1)	-
Rioch	13	3	4	-	1	-	2	-	1	-
Ryan	8	-	3	-	1	-	2	-	1	-
Simpson	3(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skelton	11	1	4	-	1	-	2	-	-	-
Watkins	2	-	4	-	1	-	2	-	-	-
Woodsford	1(1)	2	1(1)	-	-	-	(-1)	-	-	-
Woolgar	13	1	4	-	1	-	2	-	1	-

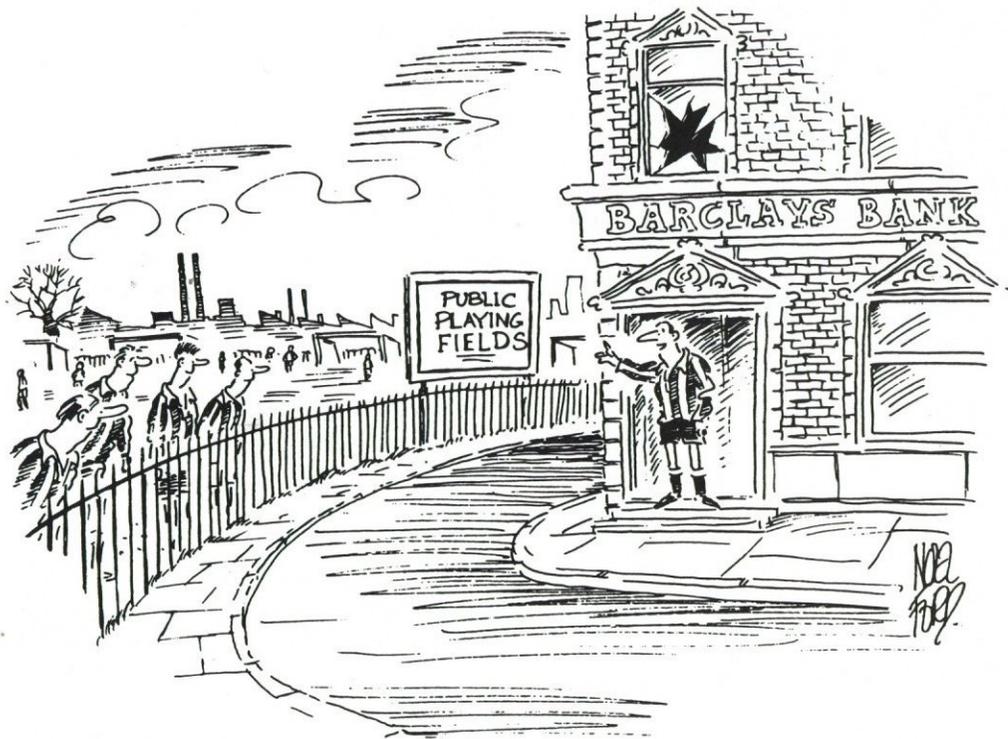
South East Counties League Division Two 1992/93

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wimbledon	14	11	1	2	38	11	23
Brentford	13	8	4	1	26	13	20
Bristol City	13	8	1	4	31	19	17
Brighton & H.A.	12	7	2	3	30	23	16
Tottenham Hotspur	14	6	2	6	28	30	14
AFC Bournemouth	13	5	4	4	18	20	14
Southampton	14	5	4	5	17	20	14
LUTON TOWN	13	6	0	7	28	19	12
Crystal Palace	14	5	1	8	21	22	11
Colchester United	12	5	0	7	13	21	10
Swindon Town	15	4	2	9	18	34	10
Oxford United	14	3	3	8	23	30	9
Bristol Rovers	13	3	3	7	20	34	9
Reading	14	3	3	8	21	36	9

South East Counties League Division Two Fixtures Season 1992/93

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

Sat 15 Aug	Bristol Rovers	8-0	Tue 10 Nov	Tottenham Hotspur (SJFC)	2-1
Sat 22 Aug	Reading	4-1	Sat 14 Nov	Bristol City	4-1
Sat 29 Aug	Colchester United	1-2	Sat 28 Nov	Swindon Town	1-4
Sat 5 Sep	Tottenham Hotspur	2-0	Tue 8 Dec	W.B.A. (FAYC2)	1-2
Thu 10 Sept	Chelsea (SJFC 1)	1-1	Wed 6 Jan	Coventry City (SJFC3)	2-1
Sat 12 Sept	AFC Bournemouth	0-2	Sat 9 Jan	Tottenham Hotspur	4-2
Sat 19 Sept	Charlton Athletic (SECLC 1)	0-3	Sat 16 Jan	AFC Bournemouth	
Sat 26 Sept	Brentford	0-2	Sat 23 Jan	Brentford	
Thu 1 Oct	Chelsea (SJFC 1R)	3-2	Sat 30 Jan	Oxford United	
Sat 3 Oct	Oxford United	1-2	Sat 6 Feb	Southampton	
Sat 10 Oct	Southampton	0-1	Sat 13 Feb	Crystal Palace	
Sat 17 Oct	Crystal Palace	0-3	Sat 20 Feb	Wimbledon	
Wed 21 Oct	Southend United (EJC)	4-2	Sat 27 Feb	Brighton & H.A.	
Sat 31 Oct	Wimbledon	1-3	Sat 6 Mar	Bristol Rovers	
Wed 4 Nov	Port Vale (FAYC 1)	4-1	Sat 13 Mar	Bristol City	
Sat 7 Nov	Swindon Town	3-1	Sat 27 Mar	Brighton & H.A.	



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David Preece breaks through the West Ham defence at Upton Park on December 28.



Phil Gray battles for possession with Hammers' midfielder Martin Allen.

A record to be proud of against the Magpies



BACK TRACKING BY ROGER WASH

At the risk of tempting fate, it must be said that our record against Notts County is rather good. From 45 previous meetings, we have won 23 and lost only 9.

Our first meetings took place in 1930/31, following the Magpies' relegation from Division Two. Although we lost 1-0 at Meadow Lane, full revenge was exacted when we triumphed 3-0 in the return which was played on the last day of the season. Notts were already champions and goals from Jack

Slicer, Jim Yardley and Archie Heslop embarrassed the run-away leaders.

Notts were eventually relegated again in 1935 and in the following season, both games were played over Christmas with the Town coming out on top on each occasion. On Christmas Day we won 3-0 at Meadow Lane with Bill Boyd scoring on his debut and in the return, watched by a record League crowd of 17,835, a narrow 1-0 victory was achieved.

In our promotion season of 1936/37 Notts were seen as our strongest challengers and the two Christmas clashes were titanic struggles with honours remaining even. We won 2-1 at Kenilworth Road, with Albert Dawes making his debut, but the scoreline was

reversed in the return.

The Magpies followed us into Division Two in 1950 and during the next five seasons, leading up to our further promotion, we remained unbeaten in our League meetings apart from a 5-4 defeat at Meadow Lane in 1952 (Syd Owen netting an own goal in the final minute). We almost threw away the points in the game at Nottingham in our promotion season, drawing 3-3 when we were 3-1 up with ten minutes to go.

These away setbacks pale into significance when the home record in this period is looked at — 6-0 in 1951/52, 5-1 the following year and 3-1 in our promotion season. This record was continued when we next met, in Division Three in 1963/64, as a 2-0 home win proves. A 1-1 draw at Meadow Lane later on that season set up an unbeaten run of nine games which saved our skin from the drop, but consigned Notts to the football basement.

We unfortunately followed a year later, but the 5-1 win in 1965/66 when goalkeeper turned forward, Tony Read, scored a hat-trick, was

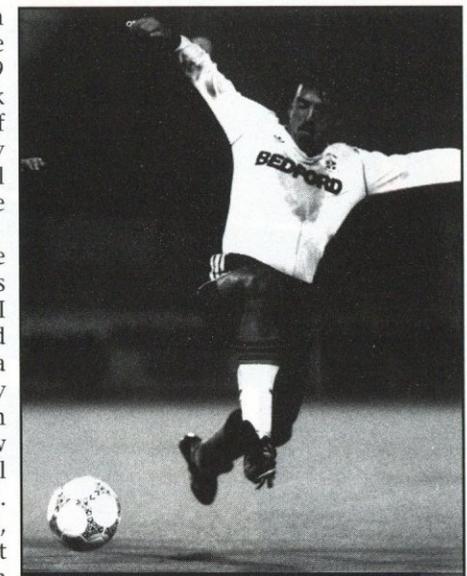
one of the most entertaining games seen on this ground. The 2-1 win at Meadow Lane was every bit as entertaining - it was our only away win of the season!

After our promotion in 1967/68, we caught up with each other again five years later in Division Two and apart from a 6-0 home win in 1978/79, the scorelines were a lot tighter. However, special mention must be made of the 4-0 win at Meadow Lane in 1976/77 due to the heroics of substitute goalkeeper Dixie Deans. For those of you who remember him, Dixie only stood at 5'5".

The Fourth Division days seemed long ago when we met up in Division One at the start of the 1982/83 season,

but a 5-3 home win which could have finished up 9-9 brought back happy memories of the days of Tony Read, although Paul Walsh was a shade more mobile.

Despite all these tales of big wins over Notts County, I am sure we would have exchanged a few if only a victory could have been achieved at Meadow Lane on the final day of last season. The records will, however, show that we lost 2-1 which sent us down for the first time since 1975.



Darron McDonough helped the Town to victory five years ago.

A HATTER AND A MAGPIE

For Luton Town supporters of my generation, brought up on a diet of relegation, any crumb of optimism was gobbled up and the June 1967 signing of Billy McDerment sent us (and the Luton News) into waves of ecstasy.

Here was Fourth Division Luton signing a First Division player - 23 appearances in five years at Leicester! - for a massive £5,000. "A stout-hearted, versatile player" said the Leicester newspaper scribe.

Unfortunately, McDerment became an almost permanent substitute as the Town swept to the Fourth Division title, but in his few appearances he certainly did not let the side down.

After another season which was much of the same, he joined Notts County in the summer of 1969 on a free transfer, before disappearing to Scotland.

5 It happened five years ago:-
16/1/88 - A late strike from Darron McDonough secured the points in a 1-0 home win over Notts County, watched by a crowd of 7,175.

10 It happened ten years ago:-
15/1/83 - A crowd of 21,231, boosted by a large number of people anxious to see the return of Ossie Ardiles, turned up at Kenilworth Road to witness a 1-1 draw with Tottenham. Mark Watts made his one and only appearance for the Town that day.

15 It happened 15 years ago:-
14/1/78 - A dismal 1-0 home defeat at the hands of Oldham was lit only by the first appearance in Luton colours of Godfrey Ingram.

20 It happened 20 years ago:-
20/1/73 - Only 3,871 were present at Leeds Road to see the Town beat Huddersfield in a snowstorm

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	22	16	4	2	59	23
Away	23	7	9	7	35	30
Total	45	23	13	9	94	53

Goalkeeper Tony Read scored a hat-trick against Notts County!

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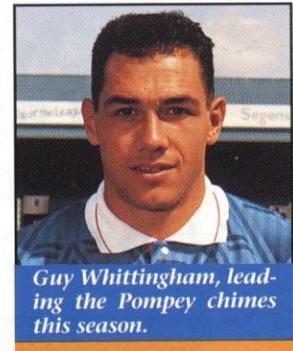
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Whittingham leads the way



Guy Whittingham, leading the Pompey chimes this season.

NEWS ON ONE

Scoring goals is not an easy business, but this season's First Division has thrown up a host of players - including our own Phil Gray and Ian Benjamin - who are regularly finding the net. Jonathan Noble looks at the men who are in the firing line.

For Guy Whittingham it has been a remarkable goal-scoring season so far. Having come straight from the Army for a fee of just £450, he is now in his fourth season of league football. And after registering a hat-trick in the first match of this term - against Bristol City - the Pompey player has scored a goal, on average, every other match. A legacy of his army career is his amazing fitness, and his acceleration and penalty box instinct guarantee him plenty more goals before the season closes.

Another leading goal scorer this season is Craig Maskell, who plays for today's opponents Swindon. Aldershot born, the 24-year-old was signed at the beginning of this season for a bargain price of £250,000 from Reading. He was the top-scorer for the Elm Park club last season and he has taken over from Duncan Shearer who has gone to Aberdeen - and more than adequately replaced him.

Andy Cole has shown well this season too, playing for Bristol City. England under-21 boss Lawrie McMenemy said: "There is certainly some talent in Bristol at present. Andy Cole is very quick and has scored goals throughout his career." During his time in the Arsenal reserves, Andy came very close to turning his back on the game. He said: "I was scoring goals, but getting nowhere. Quitting seemed like the only way out." The Bristol City manager Denis Smith is glad Andy did not. He said: "He is extremely promising. He has pace, touch and a fine

understanding of the game."

Other top scorers in the First Division this season have been Gary Blissett, Paul Simpson and John Aldridge. Blissett joined Brentford in the 1986/87 season and has been a regular ever since - scoring consistently. Paul Simpson moved to Derby from Oxford United for £500,000 in February 1992 - having made his league debut at the tender age of 16 for Manchester City. He is also an England Under-21 International. John Aldridge was the top Second Division goal scorer last season, having joined Tranmere Rovers at the beginning of that term. Signed for £250,000, he has proved well worth the fee paid to his old side, Real Sociedad.

And not to be left out of the reckoning are our own strikers, Phil Gray and Ian Benjamin. Gray had a barren start to the season, scoring only once in 15 games - but has now scored 10 league goals. He said: "All strikers have a spell when

the goals dry up, but I knew it was just a matter of time before I started scoring again." When his confidence returned, the goals started coming easier. He continued: "Maybe at the beginning I was trying too hard to score. I was aiming for the corner of the nets instead of just going for the target. Now the confidence is back, more goals will hopefully follow."

Recent signing Ian Benjamin has complemented Gray superbly. Having scored seven league goals for his Southend United club, he has already notched up one success for Luton. Benjamin said recently: "Phil Gray looks very sharp out there and I am sure we can get a good partnership going up front together. I feel he can feed off of my flick-ons." Town manager David Pleat stated: "I am very pleased with Ian. He and Phil Gray can work together, probably better than the Claridge/Gray partnership had done so far this season."

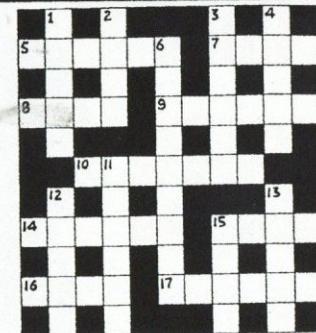
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- 8 ... possession to deny opponents (4)
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- 14 Fouled opponent with boat? (6)
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Solutions will appear in our next home programme

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Bad weather puts extra strain on stretched finances



COMMERCIAL FOCUS BY ANDY KING AND JOHN BUTTLE

With games cancelled over the Christmas and New Year period we found ourselves reflecting on how the commercial department could assist more directly in getting games played.

After consultation with ground staff and the Sports Turf Research Institute, the long term problem with the pitch cannot be resolved until the next close season. Immediate benefits however, can be derived by the acquisition of two specialist pieces of equipment.

They are a 'hoverdry' which is a revolutionary machine for clearing surface water, costing £2000 plus vat. The other is a 'Pattison 36" self-propelled spiker' complete with solid and hollow tines to ariate the surface, costing £1600 plus vat.

We are also looking at the possibility of acquiring a pitch cover, but are still investigating this one.

Our immediate objective in this department is to try and raise the funds to cover the costs. With games already postponed and with the forthcoming congested pro-

gramme (including the February under-21 international v San Marino) here at Kenilworth Road, we need the playing surface at its best which would not only be beneficial to players, but to supporters as well.

We therefore appeal to all supporters to help finance these important pieces of equipment by either direct sponsorship or by personal donations however small. To do this, please do not hesitate to contact the commercial department.

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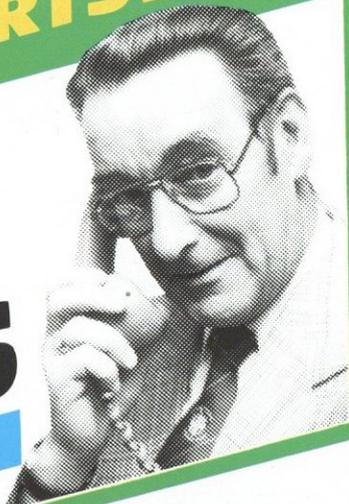
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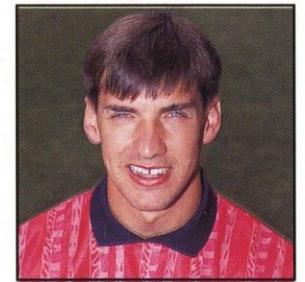
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Loan spell revives Alec's Town career



PLAYER INTERVIEW WITH ALEC CHAMBERLAIN

Since his successful loan spell at Chelsea, goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain has returned to the Town side in recent weeks. As we found out, he is now determined to make the Town number one jersey his own again, after a period of uncertainty at Kenilworth Road.

"There is no doubt that my time at Chelsea has helped me regain the confidence to put a successful run together in goal for Luton," said Alec after his excellent display in our 2-1 victory at Wolverhampton Wanderers. "Being in the company of so many top-class players at Stamford Bridge obviously helped, and I also learned a lot from Don Howe's words of wisdom. Fortunately for me, Chelsea's former goalkeeper, Eddie Neidzweicki, is now their reserve team coach and I was given specialist training every day."

Although Alec did not feature in the Blues' Premier League side, he did, however, feature regularly for their Combination reserve side, helping the team to the top of the table with some impressive displays. "I was very pleased with the way I performed during my time in London," added Alec. "Although I must admit that the job is made easier when you have the likes of Steve Clarke, Erland Johnsen and Alan Dickens directly in front of you."

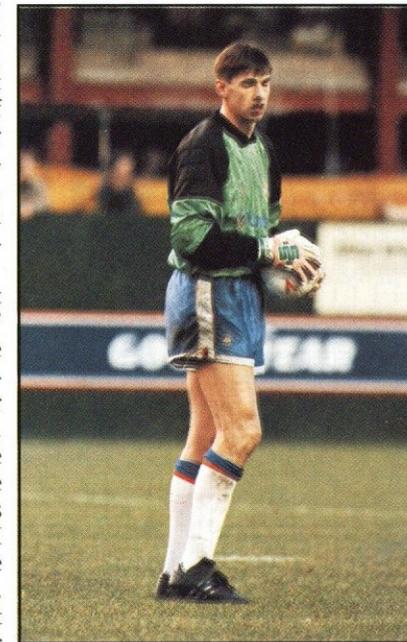
Alec's form at Stamford Bridge helped

him regain his place at Kenilworth Road and after coming into the side following an injury to Andy Petterson, he has not looked back.

He said: "I am delighted to be playing again for Luton after a spell in which my career at the club was put in question. It wasn't easy coming back into the side during a time when we were leaking a lot of goals, but the general opinion among the lads is that we are better than our current position suggests. Games against Millwall and Watford highlighted this fact and, if there were any doubts, I think they disappeared after our fine win at Wolves."

Alec played a starring role for the Hatters at Molineux, but is quick to point out that it was a team effort. "Everyone played their part, which resulted in the 2-1 scoreline. The whole team kept a good shape and we remained a solid unit throughout.

What we must now achieve is that consistency throughout the Christmas period. Then I am sure we will quickly climb the table."



Aug 15	Leicester City	1-2	17,428	16	Peterson	Linton	James	Kamara	Peake	Dreyer	(Oakes)	Hughes	Gray	Prece	CAMPBELL	(Claridge)	Salton
Aug 22	Bristol City	0-3	7,926	22	Peterson	Linton	(James)	Kamara	Peake	Dreyer	Claridge	Hughes	Gray	Prece	Campbell	(Oakes)	(Johnson)
Aug 29	Charlton Athletic	0-0	6,302	21	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Dreyer	Claridge	Hughes	Gray	Prece	Rees	(Oakes)	Campbell
Sept 2	Newcastle United	0-2	27,054	21	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Dreyer	Claridge	Oakes	Gray	Prece	Rees	(Oakes)	(Johnson)
Sept 5	Tranmere Rovers	3-3	6,801	23	Peterson	LINTON	James	Salton	Peake	Dreyer	CLARIDGE	OAKES	GRAY	Prece	Rees	(Johnson)	(Campbell)
Sept 13	Brentford	2-1	7,310	19	Peterson	Linton	JAMES	Salton	Peake	Johnson	Claridge	Kamara	GRAY	Prece	Rees	Oakes	Campbell
Sept 15	Watford (AFC)	0-0	5,197	-	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Johnson	Claridge	Kamara	Gray	Prece	Rees	(Oakes)	(Campbell)
Sept 19	Birmingham City	1-1	8,481	21	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Johnson	CLARIDGE (pen)	(Kamara)	Gray	(Prece)	Rees	(Campbell)	(Oakes)
Sept 23	Plymouth Argyle (CCC2/1)	2-2	3,702	-	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	(Peake)	(Johnson)	CLARIDGE 2	Kamara	Gray	Prece	Oakes	(Rees)	(Campbell)
Sept 26	Notts County	0-0	5,992	21	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Matthew	Dreyer	Claridge	Kamara	Gray	(Prece)	Rees	(Oakes)	(Campbell)
Sept 29	Bristol City (AFC)	1-1	2,538	-	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	(Matthew)	Dreyer	CLARIDGE	Kamara	Gray	(Prece)	(Campbell)	(Rees)	(Prece)
Oct 3	Peterborough	1-4	7,954	22	Peterson	Linton	(James)	Salton	(Peake)	JOHNSON	CLARIDGE	Kamara	Gray	PRECEE	(Rees)	(Oakes)	(Dreyer)
Oct 6	Plymouth Argyle (CCC2/2)	2-3	8,946	-	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	(Peake)	Johnson	Claridge	Kamara	Gray	Prece	(Rees)	(Oakes)	(Matthew)
Oct 10	Barnsley	0-3	5,261	23	Peterson	(Linton)	James	Salton	JOHNSON	Matthew	Claridge	Kamara	Gray	Prece	(Rees)	(Oakes)	(Harvey)
Oct 17	Derby County	1-3	8,848	23	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Johnson	Matthew	Claridge	Kamara	(Prece)	GRAY 2	(Oakes)	(Greene)	Dreyer
Oct 24	Peterborough United	3-2	7,125	22	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Johnson	Matthew	Claridge	Kamara	Prece	GRAY 2	(Oakes)	(Greene)	Dreyer
Oct 31	Southend United	2-2	7,256	22	Peterson	Linton	JAMES	Salton	Peake	Johnson	Claridge	Kamara	Prece	GRAY 2	OAKES	Campbell	Greene
Nov 3	Cambridge United	3-3	5,716	22	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Johnson	Claridge	Kamara	Rees	GRAY	Oakes	(Campbell)	(Teller)
Nov 7	Grimsby Town	1-4	6,928	22	Chamberlain	(Linton)	James	Salton	Peake	Johnson	Teller	Claridge	Gray	Prece	(Oakes)	(Dreyer)	Harvey
Nov 14	Oxford United	0-4	5,760	22	Chamberlain	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Johnson	Teller	Claridge	Gray	Prece	(Oakes)	(Dreyer)	Harvey
Nov 21	Millwall	1-1	8,371	23	Chamberlain	Dreyer	James	Salton	(Hughes)	Peake	(Teller)	Benjamin	Rees	GRAY	Prece	(Oakes)	(Johnson)
Nov 29	Watford	2-0	8,341	21	Chamberlain	Dreyer	James	Johnson	Hughes	Peake	OAKES	BENJAMIN	Rees	Gray	Prece	(Williams)	Skelton
Dec 5	Bristol Rovers	0-2	6,245	22	Chamberlain	Dreyer	James	Johnson	(Hughes)	Peake	Oakes	(Benjamin)	Rees	Gray	Prece	(Williams)	(Linton)
Dec 12	Wolverhampton Wanderers	2-1	13,932	20	Chamberlain	Dreyer	James	Johnson	Hughes	Peake	Oakes	Teller	(Rees)	GRAY 2	Prece	(Benjamin)	(Linton)
Dec 19	Southend	0-0	8,286	20	Chamberlain	Dreyer	James	Johnson	(Hughes)	Peake	Teller	(Rees)	Benjamin	Gray	Prece	(Oakes)	(Linton)
Dec 28	West Ham United	2-2	18,786	20	Chamberlain	DREYER	James	Johnson	HUGHES	Peake	(Williams)	Teller	(Rees)	Gray	Prece	(Oakes)	(Benjamin)
Jan 9	Birmingham City	1-2	9,601	22	Chamberlain	Dreyer	James	Johnson	HUGHES	Peake	(Oakes)	Teller	(Rees)	Gray	Prece	(Williams)	Benjamin
Jan 16	Notts County																
Jan 19	Bristol City																
Jan 27	Newcastle United																
Jan 30	Bristol City																
Feb 6	Leicester City																
Feb 10	Brentford																
Feb 13	Tranmere Rovers																
Feb 20	Charlton Athletic																
Feb 27	Barnsley																
Mar 6	Porsmouth																
Mar 10	Oxford United																
Mar 13	Grimsby Town																
Mar 20	Bristol Rovers																
Mar 24	Millwall																
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Whittingham (Portsmouth) 30; Aldridge (Tranmere) 22; Blissett (Brentford) 20; Maskell (Swindon) 19; Peacock (Newcastle) 17.

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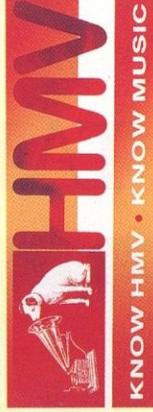
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West Ham United v Portsmouth
Wolves v Birmingham City

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

League	Apps	Gls	Coca-Cola Cup	Apps	Gls	AI Cup	Apps	Gls	FA Cup	Apps	Gls
Ian Benjamin	4(2)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamie Campbell	2(7)	1	(-1)	-	1(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alec Chamberlain	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Steve Claridge	15(1)	2	2	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
John Dreyer	15	2	(-1)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Phil Gray	23	10	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ceri Hughes	10	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Julian James	23	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marvin Johnson	15(2)	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chris Kamara	12	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Des Linton	16(3)	1	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Damien Matthew	3(2)	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott Oakes	11(11)	3	1(1)	-	(-2)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trevor Peake	18	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Andy Petterson	14	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Prece	22	-	2	1	1(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jason Rees	17	-	1(1)	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Darren Salton	15	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paul Teller	8(1)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Martin Williams	1(3)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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VOUCHER NUMBER 12

Barclays League Division One Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Av Att	Leading Goalscorers
Newcastle United	24	18	2	4	47	22	56	28,845	Kelly 11, Peacock 10
West Ham United	24	12	6	6	45	25	42	14,236	Morley 14, C. Allen 12
Tranmere Rovers	23	12	6	5	44	28	42	7,321	Aldridge 19, Nevin 8
Millwall	24	11	9	4	37	21	42	8,432	Allen 7
Portsmouth	24	11	7	6	44	28	40	11,172	Whittingham 25
Leicester City	24	11	5	8	32	29	38	14,684	Davidson 6, Thompson 5
Swindon Town	22	10	6	6	41	36	36	8,223	Maskell 16, Taylor 7
Grimsby Town	24	10	4	10	36	32	34	5,991	Mendonca 6, Groves 6
Wolverhampton W	25	8	10	7	35	31	34	14,414	Bull 9, Mutch 5
Charlton Athletic	25	8	10	7	29	25	34	6,961	Pardew 6
Derby County	24	10	3	11	40	35	33	16,523	Simpson 9, Kitson 8
Brentford	24	9	6	9	36	30	33	8,813	Blissett 14
Watford	25	8	9	8	35	38	33	7,760	Furlong 13, Charlery 8
Peterborough United	21	8	8	5	32	27	32	7,780	Adcock 10, Philliskirk 8
Barnsley	24	9	4	11	30	28	31	6,791	Biggins 9
Oxford United	23	6	11	6	34	28	29	6,650	Durnin 11, Magilton 7
Sunderland	23	8	5	10	25	34	29	16,640	Goodman 6, Rush 5
Bristol City	24	7	6	11	29	46	27	11,280	Cole 6
Birmingham City	21	6	5	10	20	36	23	9,247	Frain 4
Bristol Rovers	25	6	4	15	32	55	22	6,153	Taylor 9, Stewart 6
Cambridge United	24	4	9	11	26	45	21	5,402	Claridge 5, White 5
LUTON TOWN	23	4	9	10	26	45	21	7,814	Gray 10, Benjamin 8
Southend United	24	5	6	13	24	35	21	4,623	Collymore 5
Notts County	24	4	8	12	24	44	20	8,109	Bartlett 4

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Team Check

LUTON TOWN

Colours: White/Blue Shirts,
Blue/White shorts

Manager: David Pleat

Alec Chamberlain
John Dreyer
Julian James
Marvin Johnson
Ceri Hughes
Trevor Peake
Scott Oakes
Paul Telfer
Jason Rees
Phil Gray
David Preece

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NOTTS COUNTY

Colours: Black/White Shirts,
Black Shorts.

Manager: Neil Warnock

Steve Cherry
Chris Short
Meindert Dijkstra
Dean Thomas
Phil Turner
Charlie Palmer
Mark Draper
Kevin Wilson
Tony Agana
Kevin Bartlett
Dave Smith

REFEREE: V.G. Callow (Solihull, West Midlands)

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M.G. Wright (red/yellow trim)

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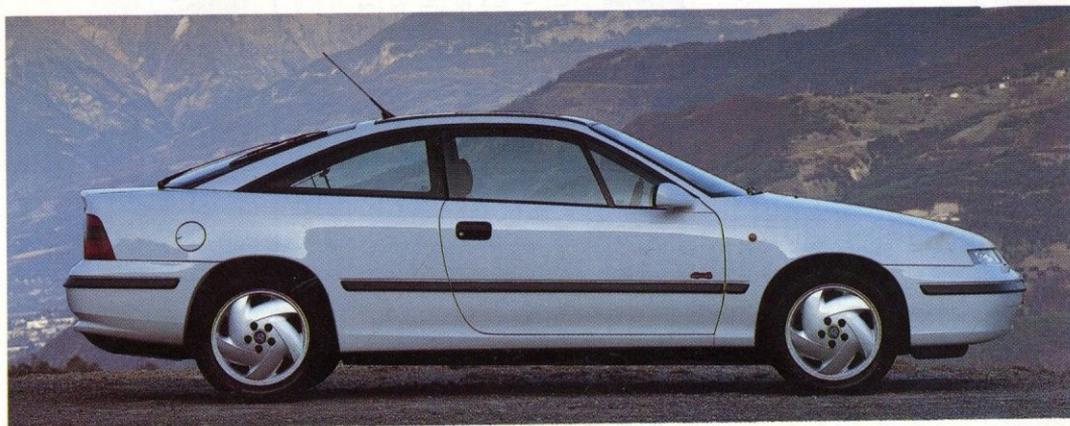


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