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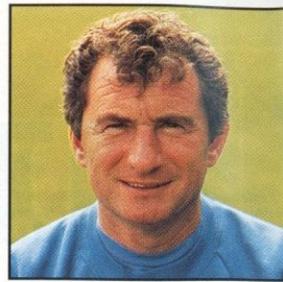


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Young players prove their worth in recent fixtures



MANAGER'S VIEWPOINT BY DAVID PLEAT

Tonight we welcome Brentford, a side seeking their third success on the road. Last Wednesday, John Moore and I saw them play most efficiently and beat Derby County with two outstanding Anglo-Italian Cup goals. They continued their good work on Saturday and won at Wolverhampton 2-1. So, we do not underestimate our task.

We know the necessity of winning at home for a second game in succession. Last Saturday's was a typical, passionate affair with our rivals from up the motorway. Leicester have been spending some money, but have yet to find a formula that will make them favourites for this year's automatic promotion. The current favourites must be Millwall or West Ham, but undoubtedly all those who saw us play Newcastle two weeks ago will understand the reasons why they deservedly head the division. They have speculated, but, most importantly, they demonstrate their footballing ability with good confident passing play.

We are hoping that Saturday's tough game has not led to any further injuries. At the moment, we are light of Des Linton (medial ligaments) and Richard Harvey (hamstring) and neither ourselves nor our many kind supporters have forgotten Darren Salton who had a further operation last Saturday morning. After Saturday's attractive game at Tranmere, we have another short break. But with 57 points to play for, there will be a demanding period of football and we will be grateful for any clear week's

work. Philip Gray has been selected for the Northern Ireland squad to travel to remote Albania and I am hoping that he starts the game. His all-round play has progressed well particularly in difficult games away from home when recently we have smothered the midfield and left Philip as the 'play-off' man.

A couple of weeks ago, we lost our grounds-

"THE COMBINED ATTENDANCE OF ALMOST 20,000 FOR THE LAST TWO HOME GAMES IS VERY ENCOURAGING"

man Dave Chapman who left to take up a consultancy appointment. As all our supporters know, our pitch has been somewhat of a burden to us this season, but we have to adjust and it is important that we show maximum fitness because the last 15 minutes of games can be terribly tiring on the sticky surface. The efforts recently of the young midfield players, Jason Rees, Paul Telfer and Ceri



John Dreyer clears his lines at Ashton Gate during our 0-0 draw with Bristol City on January 30.

Hughes, have been most encouraging. They have given a wall of protection to an unchanged back five who have been defending well. It must be one for our statistician that we have recently had three successive clean sheets. If we have the mental strength and concentration to continue that solidness, then we can claw ourselves out of our present situation, but as we all know in football the game can turn your world upside down.

The combined attendance of almost 20,000 for the last two home games is also encouraging. In our predicament off the field, we need every possible supporter through the turnstiles. This support can help the club should it need new backers or further backing. Our club must go forward. It means an awful lot to many people. John Moore and I have enjoyed and worked a total of more than 35 years here between us.

It was for this reason that I replied to a somewhat sarcastic line in Keir Radnedge's Daily Mail report after the Derby game when he penned the words 'who cares about Luton anyway?'; inferring that, outside Luton, we have no friends and are disliked. I reminded him quite strongly of the contribution Luton Town Football Club has made in the last dozen years, producing a host of fine players for the Football League and playing the type of football that many people have enjoyed.

Enjoy the game and let us hope we can be successful again.

Exciting events planned for the coming year



COMMUNITY MATTERS WITH GARY HOOPER

As 1993 unfolds and we begin to plan ahead, it is clear that we have a very exciting diary of events planned for the forthcoming year. For this our thanks must go to the invaluable support for the club's community programme which we have received from the club sponsors Universal Salvage Auctions and also from associate sponsors Kenning Car and Van Rental.

I hope both companies derive as much pleasure and satisfaction from their support for the scheme as I have seen it give to so many people in the last six months. Everyone involved was, I know, particularly happy with the success of the five-a-side tournament held in conjunction with the national drug prevention week.

Another event which has proved to be very popular is the emergency first-aid course, which started last November. Backed by the Football Association, it has helped to increase the number of people trained to deal with serious emergencies, at all levels of the game.

THE NEXT SIX MONTHS PROMISE TO BE EVEN BETTER.

Last week, for example, we held our Medisport launch evening at the club. This was an evening dedicated to giving the medical and physio representatives of clubs throughout the area an opportunity to come in and link with us in making the best use of some of the best sports medicine available.

This week we have launched, in association with Luton Borough Council, the 'passport to leisure scheme'. It involves a weekly 5-a-side league, held at the Luton Regional Sports Centre. It is open to all unemployed people in the area and Luton Town members.

We are planning ahead already for several major events. The highlights of the year

are likely to be our much-awaited Community Golf Day, which will take place on April 15, and our residential coaching school at Berkhamsted, next August.

But there are so many things planned, including the installation of a special artificial pitch for community purposes, the creation of a junior community room and further development of the highly-successful schools' visits schemes for our Saturday home matches.

This programme of visits to Kenilworth Road has been boosted recently with the addition of more and more schools to both the number visiting the club and to those who have been visited by myself to give coaching sessions to many youngsters all over the Luton area.

For further information on the Luton Town community programme, please contact me on (0582) 411622.



Our five-a-side tournament in European Drugs Prevention Week proved to be a great success, and there are more exciting events lined up for 1993.



Universal Salvage Auctions

Welcome to the 'family club'

Children from St Martin-de-Porres Junior School are the latest guests in our community venture.

Today's guests, St Martin-de-Porres Junior School are here courtesy of our community scheme sponsored by Universal Salvage Auctions, (USA), the league leaders in motor salvage auctions, and associate sponsors Kenning. On behalf of Luton Town Football Club, Universal Salvage Auctions and Kenning, we hope you have a very enjoyable day.

"The boys and girls from St Martin-de-Porres school are very much looking forward to their VIP day at Kenilworth Road," said deputy headmaster, John Carroll. "For many of them it is the first time they will have visited a professional football club.

"I have only been teaching at St Martin-de-Porres since last September. Until I came, the children didn't have any football practice sessions or competitions. I started to give the children football training after school and they have now progressed into the Luton Schools Football

League," enthused a proud Mr Carroll. "The team entered two cup competitions and have reached the quarter finals of the Small Schools Cup.

"All the boys and girls visiting today are aged 10 and 11, they are from years five and six and mainly live in the Lewsey Farm area.

"We are all looking forward to tonight's visit including the teachers and parents who have volunteered to help supervise.

"St Martin-de-Porres school would like to thank Universal Salvage Auctions, Luton Town Football Club and Kenning for the wonderful scheme they operate."



Gary Hooper and Bev Tyler are pictured with local schoolchildren during a recent visit to Kenilworth Road.

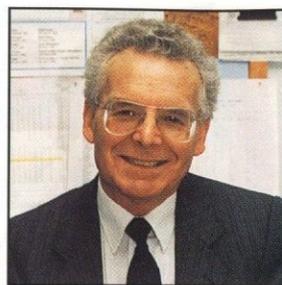
If you would like further information on the USA/Luton Town Community Programme, please contact Gary Hooper, Community Liaison Officer, Luton Town Football Club, Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Bedfordshire LU4 8AW.

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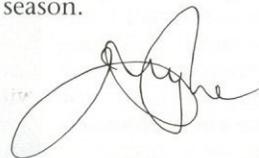
■ This evening we extend a warm welcome to the directors, management, players and supporters of Brentford Football Club.

■ Next Tuesday is the date of the England Under-21 UEFA Championship match with San Marino. It is hoped that having been given the honour of staging the match, it will receive good support. Admission has been realistically priced to attract people along and, at the time of writing this column, I am pleased to say that all the Oak Road seats have been taken in the Kenilworth Stand seating area.

■ The first stage in the reduction of police costs has been completed with the appointment of stewards within the ground to take over the roles of safety from police officers.

The next stage currently being worked on is that of searching. Training will have been completed after tonight's game. This will now mean that future matches will have 22 stewards performing roles previously undertaken by police officers. The average number of police officers employed by the club within the ground is now 36. This compares with 78 at the commencement of season 1991/92.

■ It is unlikely that any further reductions will be made this season. However, a further review of policing and numbers will take place during the close season.



England under-21 international Ray Parlour is pictured in a recent match against Spain. Kenilworth Road is privileged to hold England's next international, versus San Marino, on February 16.



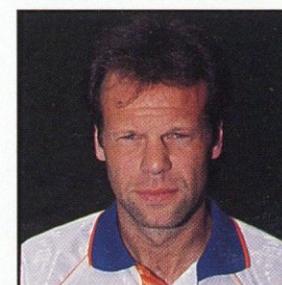
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Let's build on Saturday's impressive win



CAPTAIN'S LOG BY TREVOR PEAKE

Our fine victory against Leicester on Saturday had been waiting to happen for weeks. We now look ahead to the final third of the season with optimism.

Yet again we remained solid throughout the team and never looked in danger at any stage of the match. The difference on Saturday compared to other recent performances was that we created an abundance of chances in attack.

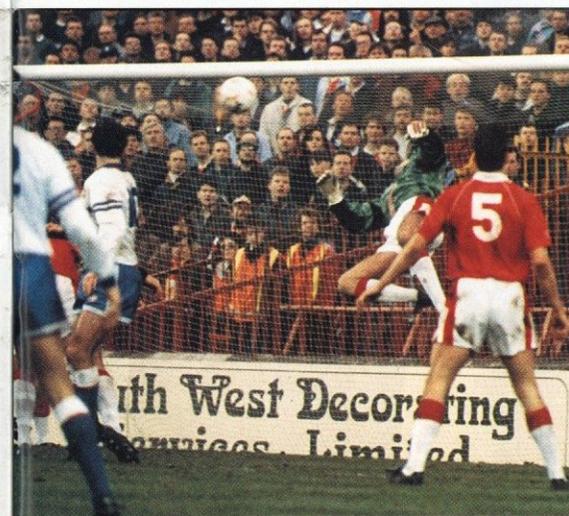
We went into the game with only one league defeat in seven matches and I think that showed on the pitch. Once we made an impression on the game, shots were coming in from all angles and from all departments of the pitch. It was great to see Marvin making runs from the defence and his fine performance was capped with a great header.

We have shown in recent weeks that we

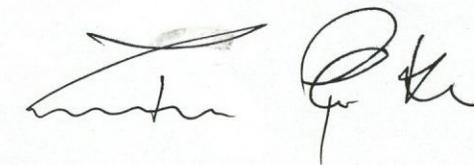
can live with the best the league has to offer. If we can keep our form going, we should have no worries about relegation. However, complacency must not set in with the league table looking very tight at the moment.

Tonight's game will be another tricky fixture for us. Brentford will be looking to turn the tables on us after our victory at Griffin Park earlier in the season. They have just come out of a sticky patch with a fine win at Wolves on Saturday so will be confident. They also have one of the most impressive striking partnerships in the division, in Joe Allon and Gary Blissett. This will be a good test for our back four. But after recent performances, we will be hoping to keep them quiet.

The crowd of over 9,000 on Saturday was pleasing, considering that it was our fifth home match in six games. I know it must be difficult for our supporters to keep dipping into their pockets to support us considering the current economic recession, so we thank you for your loyal support over the past month or so.



Phil Gray sees his header hit the bar at Ashton Gate.



Enjoy the game and keep up that singing!

John Hartson, our youth team's top-scorer this season, is pictured in action for the Town's reserve side against Arsenal at Leighton Town last month.



Moralee roars the Lions into action

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NEWS ON ONE

With league leaders Newcastle United without a fixture on Saturday, the chasing pack were given the chance to close the gap on the runaway leaders. Millwall appeared to make the biggest impression with a 5-2 home victory against Watford.

The star of the show for the Lions was Jamie Moralee, an early season signing from Crystal Palace, who has now scored 13 goals this season in 18 games. He bagged two more on Saturday, although he admits he was lucky to play after picking up a calf injury in training.

"I'm glad I played now," laughed Jamie after the match. "We're on a great run at the moment and leaving Palace appears to be the best move I could have made. Millwall's style suits me much better."

The result left Mick McCarthy's men in third place with 51 points from 28 games, but his Watford counterpart, Steve Perryman, left The Den fuming after he saw his side go 4-0 down before they started to play. "We haven't been able to defend for two years," he stormed. "We gave them three goals to start with - we must be the most entertaining team in the league!"

Second-placed West Ham United threw away the chance to close the gap on the Magpies, drawing 1-1 with Barnsley at Upton Park. Steve Jones, a former soap factory worker from Billericay, opened the scoring for the Hammers, only for Craig Rammell to equalise on the stroke of half-time. Manager Billy Bonds knows this was a wasted opportunity as the promotion race heats up. He said:

"We suffered at Barnsley in the F.A. Cup and now they've done us again. We created enough chances to win, but their defenders deserve credit."

Grimsby Town moved back into the play-off frame with a 1-0 home victory against Charlton Athletic. Former Town defender Graham Rodger, who is now captain for the Mariners, scored the decisive goal in the 66th minute and it left him fully believing the club can go all the way this season.

"We're capable of playing some great football and that has shown in our results this season. We've proved we can beat the best by beating Newcastle at St James' Park. We are scared of no-one."

The result left the Addicks in ninth position, and co-manager Steve Gritt worried about their current position. "I count this as two points lost rather than a

point gained," he said. "We never did enough around the box to get any reward."

Wolves' sorry form of late continued with a 2-1 home defeat at the hand of tonight's visitors Brentford. Two fine strikes from former Chelsea star Joe Allon ended a run of four successive league defeats for the Bees and consolidated their mid-table position.

Another team who appear to be heading for safety this season is Oxford United. Battling against all the odds at the Manor Ground, manager and former Town captain Brian Horton, has assembled a side who are playing neat, attractive football both at home and on their travels. Their latest victory came on Saturday at struggling Bristol Rovers. A solitary Andy Meville strike settled the game.

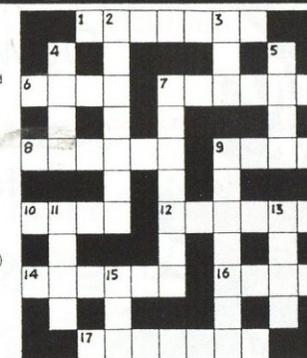
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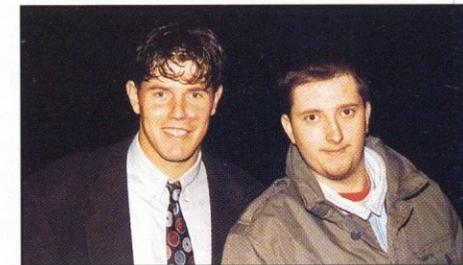


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FANS' FORUM

GREETINGS FROM AUSTRIA

Dear Sir,
 My brother Stefan and I are both keen Luton supporters and we thought you might like to publish the two photographs we have sent.

They show Stefan with Andy Petterson, and myself with Trevor Peake and John Dreyer after the Coca-Cola Cup game with Plymouth Argyle at Kenilworth Road last September.

It was a great night and we wish the Hatters the best of luck for the remainder of the season.
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LUTON LINK

We thank you for your many letters and telephone calls, the message that you are giving is that LUTON LINK is a super way to find out what is happening at Luton Town Football Club.

Of the many inquiries we have already received from fellow Luton Town supporters, the postponement of the Bristol City cup match on Wednesday, January 13, has caused most comment. In particular, of course, was the late hour at which this match was called off. So how on earth did this come about? We asked David Kohler to outline what happened and what a postponed match mean in terms of lost revenue.

The pitch was certainly playable on the morning of the match, but the afternoon deluge of rain began to leave large pools of surface water in certain areas. This was largely due to the fact that the

current soil composition does not assist drainage very well. However, with the aid of powerful suction machines, the ground staff managed to clear the worst areas and it seemed possible that the match could still go ahead.

By 4.00 pm, every able-bodied person was pressed into action, forking the pitch, including David Kohler! Two hours of heavy forking later, the referee conducted an inspection of the pitch which Mr Kohler felt was playable.

Denis Smith, the then-Bristol City manager, protested long and loud that he did not want the match played, while David Pleat was non-committal. The referee, taking into account the views of both managers as well as the pitch, called the game off.

We never had that problem with the artificial surface...

So what of the costs? Well, the largest cost of the Bristol postponement was the catering (as we well remember during the famous bunfight with Liverpool in the F.A. Cup a few years ago!). Some £950 worth of food had to be disposed of, revenue the club can ill afford to lose. When other costs are taken into account, the loss can run into thousands of pounds. The Swindon postponement on Boxing Day was by far more costly, which included some £3,000 worth of match day magazines being scrapped. So as we can see, no club can afford to call off a match lightly.

Please keep your letters and phone calls coming, LUTON LINK will strive to get the answers for you!

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PICTURES BY JOSH LEVY

John Dreyer beats City striker Andrew Cole to the ball.



Martin Williams continued his recent run in the first team at Ashton Gate.



Marvin Johnson intercepts a City pass.



Loan spells for fringe players



AROUND THE TOWN

ON THE MOVE

Chris Brooks, who has been offered a free transfer by Luton Town, spent last week training with Shrewsbury Town with a view to a permanent move. Juergen Sommer, who has recently enjoyed a first-team stint on loan at Torquay, has joined Vuaxhall Conference side Kettering Town on loan. He is joined in the Conference League by Tim Allpress, who is currently enjoying first team action at Boston United.

ENGLAND AT KENILWORTH ROAD

Luton Town play host to the forthcoming England under-21 international against San Marino on February 16, kick-off 7.45 pm. Tickets are now on sale at the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road. For more details on prices and special discounts, see page 15 of tonight's match day magazine. The game itself gives all Town supporters the chance to see the England stars of the future, and it is hoped a Town player will be included on the night. "We are expecting in excess of 6,000 supporters at Kenilworth Road for the under-21 game," said David Pleat. "It is

hoped a Luton player will be selected for this match and a good evening's entertainment is expected."

SPRING HALF-TERM SOCCER COURSES

Youth Development Officer Paul Lowe is holding a two-day soccer course for 7-15 year-olds at the Electrolux Training Ground on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th February. There will be an opportunity to meet the players and possibly join the club's F.A. centres of excellence. The cost will be £12.00 and application forms can be picked up from the LTFC reception or by calling (0582) 411622.

Running in conjunction with the above course at the same venue at the same time, is a specialist goalkeepers' course. For further information, again call into the LTFC reception or call (0582) 411622.

BEDS PREMIER CUP DATE

Luton Town will be visiting Arlesey Town in the semi-final of the Beds Premier Cup on Thursday, February 25, kick-off 7.30 pm. Please come along and give the lads your support in this competition.

CLIFFORD'S LUCKY DAY

Town supporter Clifford Saunders is pictured receiving two free tickets from Ryanair Sales Executive David Dunphy before our game with Derby County on January 23. Clifford was the winner of our 'lucky programme' competition at our match with Bristol City. "Amazingly, I won the trip on my birthday," said Russell. "I couldn't believe my luck." However, his uncanny series of 'Luton Luck' did not end there. The week before he won three out of four prizes in the Bobbers Travel Club raffle!



Latest Ticket Office news



BY CHERRY NEWBERY

Tranmere Rovers v Luton Town

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, February 13, 1993 - Kick-off 3.00 pm
Tickets are only available on the day at Tranmere. Seats are priced at £8.00 (no concessions), standing at £6.00 (no concessions).

Luton Town v Charlton Athletic

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, February 20, 1993 - Kick-off 3.00 pm
Tickets for this match are now on sale at the discounted price. Normal guesting facilities apply.

England v San Marino

UEFA UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIP

Tuesday, February 16, 1993, Kick-off 7.45 pm
Tickets for this match are now on sale from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road.
Luton Town membership does not apply to this match which comes under the jurisdiction of the Football Association.

Tickets are available until kick-off on the day of the match.

Prices Adult S.C./Jun New Stand £8 £4 Main Stand Blocks A-E £8 £4 Main Stand Enclosure Blocks C-G £6 £3 Main Stand Enclosure Blocks B,H & J £4.50 £2.50 Kenilworth Stand Seating £6 £3 Kenilworth Terracing £4 £2

Special Discount - A 25 per cent discount is available in the Kenilworth Stand when at least 2 adults and 1 child ticket is purchased.

Group bookings - A 25 per cent discount is available in all areas of the ground for group bookings of 20 or more. Please contact the Ticket Office direct on (0582) 416976 for further details.

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.

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Portsmouth

Address: Fratton Park, Frogmore Road, Portsmouth PO4 8RA. Telephone: (0705) 731204. Take the M27 then the M275 to its end. Take the second exit from the roundabout and right at the T-junction into London Road (A2047). Continue over the bridge, then left into Frogmore Road for Fratton Park. Nearest Railway: Fratton.

Bobbers Travel Club

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 with the normal pick-up points en route.

Coaches for the trip to

PORTSMOUTH will cost £6.50 adults and £5.20 children/OAP's. Coaches will depart from Cranfield at 10.00 am and from Luton at 11.00 am, again with the normal pick-up points en route.

All bookings and further telephone 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 Kiosk in Kenilworth Road or on the return journey from the previous match.

A period of consolidation for Holder's men



BRENTFORD F.C 1992-93

■ Brentford realised a long-held ambition when they won the Barclays League Third Division championship, for only the second time in their history, last season. Thus they were promoted to the newly-formed First Division, their first taste of Division One football for 45 years.

■ The championship was won on the final day of the season at Peterborough and was just reward for a team that had led the Third Division for three months of the season. It highlighted an excellent start to Phil Holder's managerial career, for in the previous season, his first as manager in succession to Steve Perryman, he took Brentford to sixth place, their highest for 26 years. They lost in the play-offs to Tranmere Rovers.

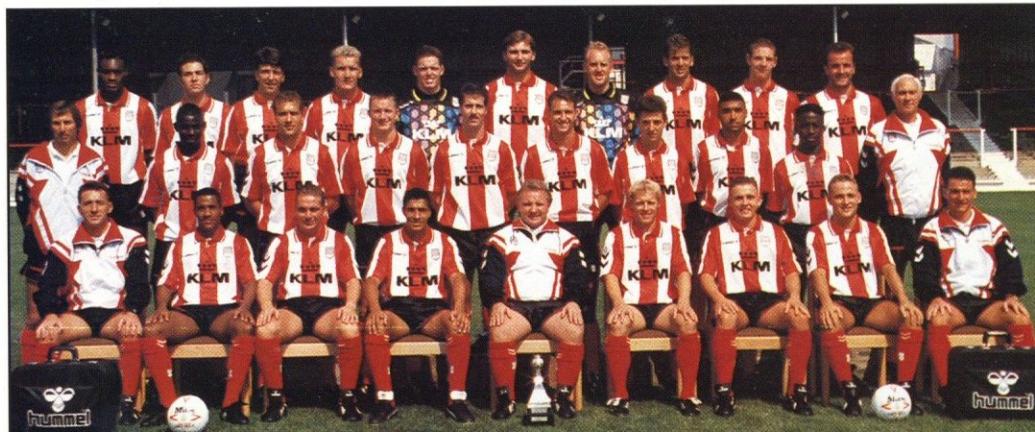
■ This season, therefore, has been very much a consolidation period for Mr Holder's men, although they surprised many people at the turn of the year with a run of results which saw the club in the top ten of the division and looking possibilities for a play-off place come May. This run included victories against Bristol City (5-1), Charlton (2-0) and at Sunderland (3-1).

■ However, their form of late has been poor by the high standard the club has set this term. Five straight defeats, culminating in a 3-0 home

defeat against Bristol Rovers last Saturday, has brought the club back down to earth, and a mid-table position looks a more realistic target for the club to aim for now. Bees fans will no doubt continue to believe their side still has the potential to make it into the top-flight at the first attempt, and will look to the potent strike force of Gary Blissett and Joe Allon to shoot them in contention again. Gary has proved to be one of the most prolific goalscorers in the First Division with, at the time of writing, 21 goals.

■ Allon, a £275,000 club record signing from Chelsea, also believes the potential is there for Premier League football. "I have not taken a step back by joining Brentford," he said. "We have a chairman and a manager who are very ambitious and I think that has been reflected in the way we have played most of the time this season. I have only briefly tasted life in the top-flight and I want more, with Brentford."

■ Brentford F.C. were formed in 1889 as a small, amateur team and were very successful in local circles, winning countless cups and titles. After winning both the London Amateur Cup and the Middlesex Senior Cup in 1898, they were admitted to the Southern League. They played their first League match in 1920, losing 3-0 to Exeter City in a Division Three encounter.



Back row (left to right): Marcus Gayle, Danny Tripp, Murray Jones, Keith Millen, Ashley Baynes, Terry Evans, Graham Benstead, Bob Booker, Chris Sparks, Jamie Bates.
Middle row: (left to right): Joe Gadston (youth team manager), Mickey Bennett, Detzi Krusynski, Lee Luscombe, Gary Blissett, Simon Ratcliffe, Grant Chalmers, Kevin Godfrey, Robert Peters, Roy Clarke (physiotherapist).
Front row (left to right): Wilf Rostron (assistant manager), Brian Statham, Billy Manuel, Chris Hughton, Phil Holder (manager), Neil Smillie, Paul Buckle, Steve Burcham (no longer with club), Graham Pearce (first team coach).

BEES ON PARADE

GRAHAM BENSTEAD (goalkeeper) - A £70,000 signing from Sheffield United in 1990, Graham settled in immediately at Griffin Park, winning the Player of the Year award in his first season. He has also seen service with Q.P.R. and Norwich City.

BRIAN STATHAM (defender) - Brian is a former England under-21 international. He joined Brentford from Tottenham following a successful loan spell and has made the right-back spot his own this season.

CHRIS HUGHTON (defender) - A vastly experienced defender, Chris made a name for himself at Tottenham, winning F.A. Cup and UEFA Cup honours. His form at Spurs prompted Eire international honours and he went on to win 52 caps. He joined The Bees in March 1992 after a spell with West Ham United.

SHANE WESTLEY (defender) - Shane signed for Brentford from Wolves for a £100,000 fee in October 1992. He had previously played for Charlton and Southampton and he now has over 250 league appearances to his credit.

KEITH MILLEN (defender) - Keith won last season's Player of the Year trophy for the second time in three seasons. A former Bees apprentice, he has made over 300 appearances for the club, despite being only 25 years old. He is the club's longest serving player and will receive a testimonial next season.

BILLY MANUEL (defender) - Another player with Tottenham connections, Billy started his career at White Hart Lane before moving to Gillingham. He joined The Bees for £60,000 in the 1991 close season, operating at left-back. He can also perform in midfield when needed.

JAMIE BATES (defender) - A former Brentford trainee, Jamie made his debut in 1986 and has since made over 200 appearances for the club. Jamie's versatility was used in the last season's championship season, when he filled every defensive position.

MICKY BENNETT (midfield) - Micky started his career with Charlton before moving across south London to neighbours Wimbledon for £250,000. Despite scoring on his debut for the Dons, he never established himself and joined Brentford along with Detzi Kruszynski for £120,000.

NEIL SMILLIE (midfield) - The most experienced player at Griffin Park, Neil has also seen service with Crystal Palace, Brighton, Watford, Reading and in the USA where he played with Phil Holder. He originally served Brentford on loan as long ago as 1977.

MARCUS GAYLE (forward) - Marcus is a former YTS lad and England U-19 international who established himself in the first team last season, where he made over 50 appearances. In recent weeks, he has been converted by Mr Holder to centre-back.

MURRAY JONES (forward) - Londoner Murray started his career with his local club Crystal Palace before spells with Bristol City, Exeter and Grimsby Town. He returned home from the Mariners in a £75,000 deal in July 1992.

JOE ALLON (forward) - Brentford paid a record £275,000 to Chelsea for Allon's signature in November 1992. He began his career in his native north-east with Newcastle United and later Hartlepool, but never really established himself at Stamford Bridge. Joe scored on his Brentford debut.

GARY BLISSETT (forward) - Now in his sixth season with the Bees, having joined them from Crewe in 1987, Gray is currently Brentford's leading goalscorer this season. He scored the important goal at Peterborough which clinched the Third Division championship last season.

LEE LUSCOMBE (forward) - Channel-Islander Lee joined the Bees from Southampton last season and scored within four minutes on his debut...one of the quickest-ever Bees debut goals.

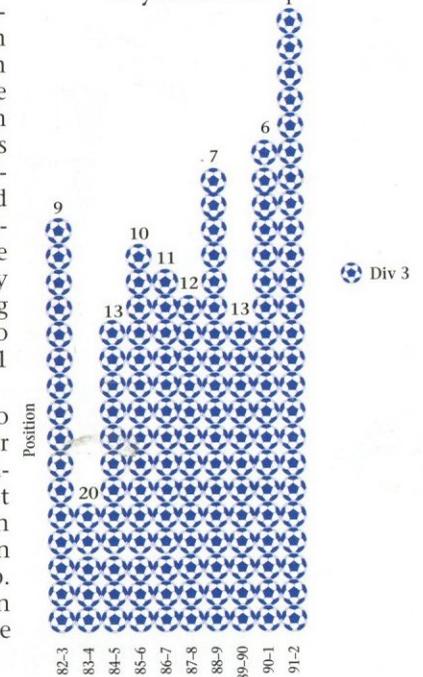
MEET THE BOSS



Phil Holder's football career took in Tottenham Hotspur, Crystal Palace and Bournemouth before injury ended his playing days. He originally joined Brentford in the capacity of assistant manager to Steve Perryman in February 1987 before taking over the reins prior to the start of the 1990/91 season.

Success seems to have followed Mr Holder during his relatively short time at Griffin Park, leading the club to the Third Division play-off in his first season in charge and last season helping the club to the Third Division championship. This season has seen the club make their debut in Division One and results have shown that they are more than capable of holding their own.

Brentford 10 year record



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Date of Birth: 11.6.63
Height: 6ft 3/4 ins
Weight: 12st 9lbs
Signed from: Oxford United for £140,000 in 1988
Previous clubs: Torquay, Fulham (loan), Oxford United
Luton Town debut: v Sheffield Wednesday (a), 27.8.88
International honours: none
Family: Wife Julie and daughter Hayley, who is six months old
Car: Cavalier SRI
Starsign: Gemini
Top television programmes: I find survival programmes very interesting.
Best recent film/video seen: I like any film with Jack Nicholson in it. I think One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest is the best I have seen.
Top Television commentator: I have to say Nick Owen because I know him personally and he is a big Luton Town fan.
Hobbies: I like fly-fishing because it is a great relaxation sport.
Who did you support as a boy: Liverpool, when Kevin Keegan and John Toshack were in their side. They were by far the best English team around at the time.
Favourite away ground and why: Anfield, because of the above answer.

Boots worn: Puma - my feet adapt quite easily to them.

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 initially, then went on to college where I then trained as a technical illustrator, which is the job I would have opted for.
What has been the highlight of your career in football: Avoiding relegation at Derby County in the last game of the 1990-91 season. Also making the break into League football from my non-league team Wallington Town to Oxford United.

Who are your favourite players past and present: The Liverpool winger Steve Heighway was a very exciting player with silky skills. My favourite player at the moment is Paul Gascoigne. He is by far this country's most talented player and always puts a smile on peoples' faces.

What single piece of advice would you give to any young footballer hoping to make the grade: Always listen to experienced people around you and remember that you are going to get set backs, so you must be resilient.

What young Town player do you tip to make the grade in coming seasons: John Hartson. He has improved a lot in the last year and I believe he will make a big impact in League football. He is well enough equipped to make the breakthrough this year.

What are your main ambitions in football: To play in a Cup Final after missing out with both Luton and Oxford United in the past.

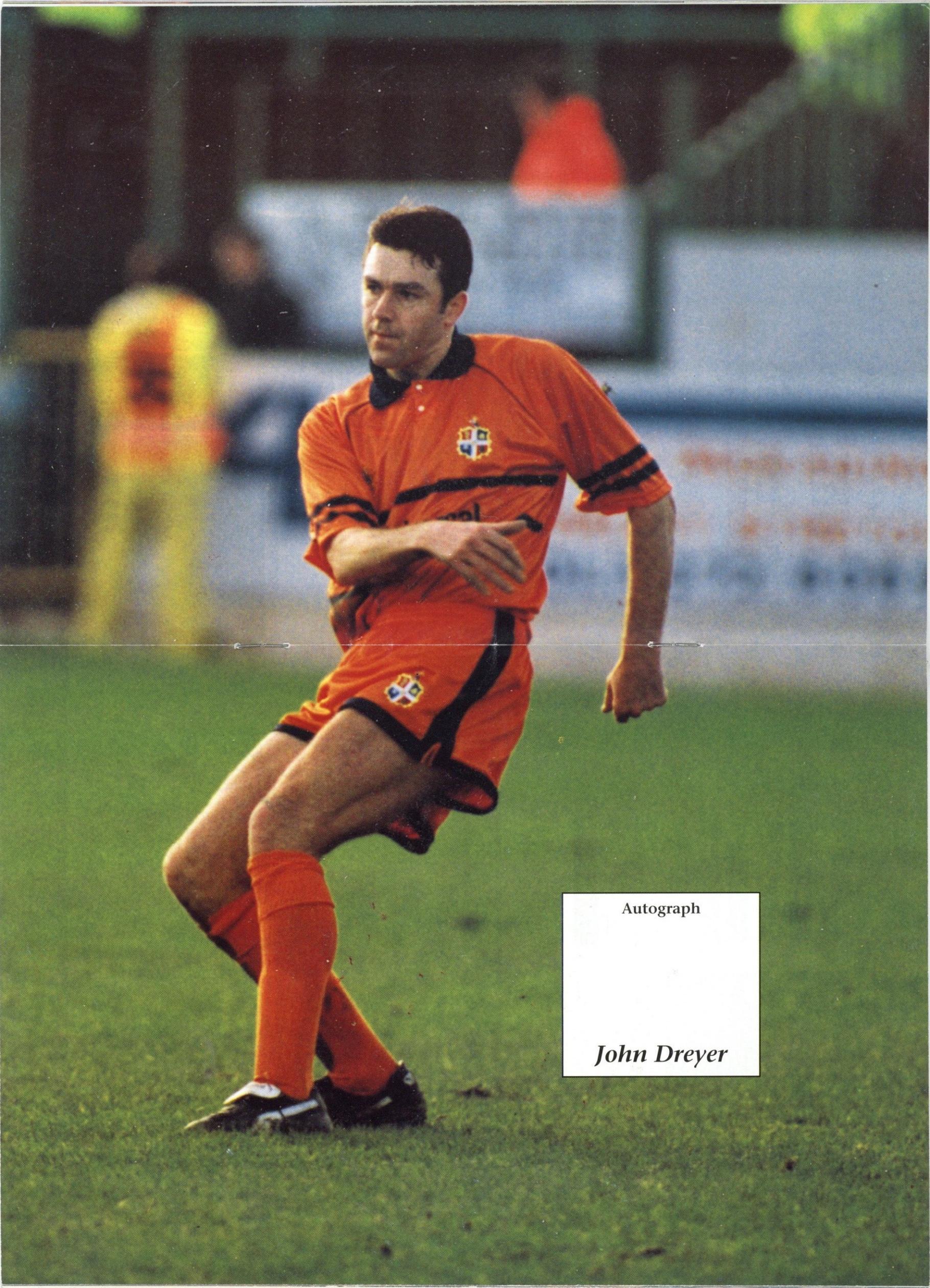


because of the above answer. The ground also holds some good memories for me, particularly the game when we drew 2-2 there in Jim Ryan's first game in charge.

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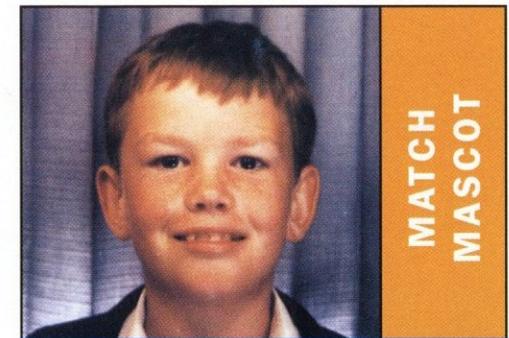
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JUNIOR HATTERS WITH RICHARD HARVEY



MATCH MASCOT

This evening's mascot is Bryan Kelso. He is 10-years-old and attends Warden Hill Junior School. Bryan plays football for his school and cubs and he is interested in camping and computers. His favourite player is Julian James.

Welcome to this evening's game with Brentford. We have a busy month coming up at Kenilworth Road, so it is important that we have your support.

A week on Saturday we will be entertaining the Junior Valiants of Charlton Athletic. If you would like to play football for the Junior Hatters, call into the Club Shop in Kenilworth Road and see Bev, he will give you all the details.

Our next away trip is on Saturday, March 6, when we will be visiting the junior supporters of Portsmouth. This trip is open to all junior supporters who would like to play football in the morning and then watch the first team play in the afternoon. The price will be £8.00 juniors and £9.00 parents and will include tickets for the match. The coach will leave from the top of Oak Road at 8.45 am and a packed-lunch is recommended. Call into the Club Shop after tonight's game and book your seat.

Next Tuesday (February 16), we at Luton

are hosts for the UEFA under-21 championship qualifying match with San Marino, kick-off 7.45 pm. Admission prices have been realistically set and a special discount gives you 25 per cent off if you use the Kenilworth Stand when at least two adults and one child ticket is purchased. The cheapest seat is only £3.00 for juniors. Come along and give your support and watch some of the best young talent we currently have in England.

Tonight's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is 1043.....RICHARD SEWELL. Richard wins two free tickets to one of our home games this season. To claim your prize, please call into the Club Shop at the top end of Kenilworth Road with your membership card.

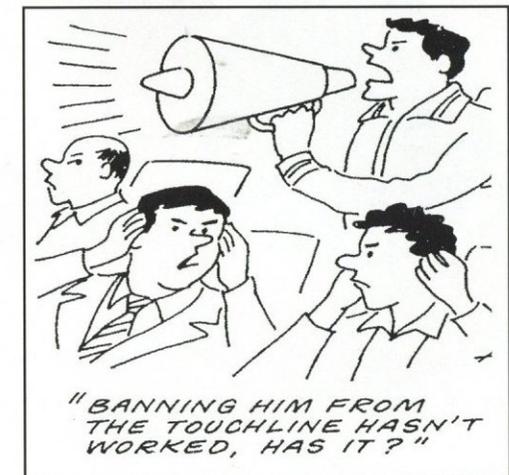
Finally, if you are intending to go on the Granada tour on Saturday, March 13, could you let Bev know as soon as possible.

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Can you spot the 10 differences between the two pictures?

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Ceri Hughes battles with Derby County's Paul Kitson on January 23.

Hartson injures hand in training accident



RESERVES AND YOUTH BY TERRY WESTLEY & WAYNE TURNER

Neville Ovenden Football Combination 1992/93 League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	20	12	5	3	42	20	41
Chelsea	20	12	5	3	43	24	41
Wimbledon	20	11	5	4	35	17	38
Crystal Palace	19	9	6	4	40	28	33
Ipswich Town	20	10	3	8	34	31	33
Tottenham Hotspur	20	8	8	4	41	19	32
Watford	22	7	9	6	32	36	30
Oxford United	21	8	6	7	28	36	30
Arsenal	21	8	4	9	34	26	28
Southampton	19	7	7	5	29	24	28
Q.P.R.	16	7	5	4	27	17	26
West Ham United	21	7	4	10	29	29	25
Charlton Athletic	20	7	4	9	23	32	25
Brighton & H.A.	21	7	3	11	23	46	24
Norwich City	20	5	8	7	37	40	23
LUTON TOWN	19	5	5	9	21	32	20
Portsmouth	20	5	5	10	26	41	20
Swindon Town	19	4	7	8	29	34	19
Bristol City	20	3	7	10	22	34	16
Fulham	21	3	4	14	14	43	13

Neville Ovenden Football Combination Fixtures Season 1992/93

Mon 17 Aug	Millwall	1-2	Mon 19 Jan	Arsenal	0-3
Mon 24 Aug	Fulham	2-1	Wed 27 Jan	Ipswich Town	3-2
Mon 31 Aug	Queens Park Rangers	0-0	Mon 1 Feb	Charlton Athletic	0-4
Mon 7 Sept	Crystal Palace	1-4	Thur 4 Feb	Chelsea	1-4
Mon 14 Sept	Tottenham Hotspur	1-4	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	
Mon 26 Oct	Brighton and Hove Albion	1-2	Tue 25 Feb	Arlesey Town (BPC SF)	
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	
Tue 5 Jan	Bristol City	0-3			

Match Report

Luton Town 3 Brentford 2
South East Counties League
Division Two, Saturday, January 23, 1993.

Our youth team won their third successive South East Counties League match against high-flying Brentford. It was a result which left coach Terry Westley delighted. He said: "Brentford had only been defeated on one other occasion so I was delighted with the lads. After an early set-back the team stuck to its task and showed strong commitment to get back into the game. Hartson was again a constant threat and Matthew Woolgar gace us good shape and attacking options on the right hand side."

Team: Kuntz, Jukes, Rioch, Simpson, McLaren, Philp, Woolgar 1, Ryan, Hartson 2, Skelton, Campbell. Subs: Gibb, Hayter.

Charlton Athletic 4 Luton Town 0

Neville Ovenden Football Combination,
Monday, February 1, 1993.

This result left coach Wayne Turner very disappointed after a recent improvement in form. "We let ourselves down with supposedly a better team," he said. "We never showed a desire individually, to overcome our direct opponents. If we are to improve and get consistency, we must do this."

Team: Sommer, Skelton, Harvey, Thorpe, Greene, Allpress, Murray, Oakes, Benjamin, Hartson. Subs: Flain, Gillard.

Hartson's injury worry



Our youth team's leading goalscorer, John Hartson, injured his hand last weekend in a training accident. X-rays revealed that he had actually broken two fingers, but it is hoped he will be able to continue playing by wearing a fibre cast plast.

Reserves - Appearances and Goalscorers 1992-93

	Football Combination	
	App	Goals
Allpress	14(4)	-
Benjamin	1	-
Brooks	8(6)	3
Campbell	15(1)	3
Chamberlain	2	-
Claridge	1	-
Dreyer	7	1
Evans	3	-
Flain	9(4)	-
Gillard	14(1)	1
Greene	18(1)	1
Harvey	10	-
Hartson	7	3
Hughes	4	-
Johnson	5	-
King	3	-
Linton	7	-
Matthew	2	-
Murray	5(9)	-
Nogan	4(1)	-
Oakes	8	1
Peake	1	-
Peterson	8	-
Philp	3	-
Rees	3	-
Rioch	-1	-
Ryan	1(1)	-
Salton	2	-
Skelton	8(1)	-
Sommer	9	-
Telfer	2	-
Thorpe	18(1)	5
Watkins	1	-
Williams	12(2)	2
Wright	6	1

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ACROSS: 1. Airdrie; 7. Everton; 8. Tom; 9. Pomp; 10. Meaner; 12. Gospel; 14. Eric; 17. Alec; 18. Mexican; 19. Modesty.
DOWN: 1. A-team; 2. Rota; 3. Ranger; 4. Elton; 5. Keeps goal; 6. Americans; 11. Permed; 13. Steam; 15. Rocky; 16. Axes.

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	14	5	4	4	1	-	2	3	1	1
Campbell	8(4)	5	-2	-	-1	-	-1	-	-1	-
Davis	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Draper	2(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gibb	4(7)	-	-2	1	-	-	2	1	1	1
Goodfellow	3(2)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goodridge	-2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hartson	11	12	4	3	1	-	2	1	1	1
Hayter	-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jukes	15	-	4	-	-	-	2	-	1	-
Kuntz	11	-	-	-	-1	-	-	-	1	-
McDonagh	1(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
McLaren	16	-	4	-	1	-	2	-	1	-
Norman	-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philp	15	1	4	-	1	-	2	-	1	1
Power	2(4)	2	-2	-	1	-	-	-	-1	-
Rioch	16	3	4	-	1	-	2	-	1	-
Ryan	11	-	3	-	1	-	2	-	1	-
Simpson	6(1)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skelton	12	1	4	-	1	-	2	-	1	-
Smith	-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Watkins	2	-	4	-	1	-	2	-	-	-
Woodsford	1(1)	2	1(1)	-	-	-	-1	-	-	-
Woolgar	16	1	4	-	1	-	2	-	1	-

South East Counties League Division Two 1992/93

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wimbledon	19	16	1	2	54	13	33
Brentford	18	10	5	3	32	18	25
Bristol City	17	11	1	5	39	23	23
Brighton & H.A.	15	7	4	4	31	25	18
Southampton	17	6	6	5	18	20	18
LUTON TOWN	16	8	0	8	36	29	16
Tottenham Hotspur	17	7	2	8	33	39	16
Crystal Palace	18	7	1	10	25	25	15
AFC Bournemouth	16	5	5	6	19	26	15
Swindon Town	18	6	2	10	23	38	14
Colchester United	15	6	0	9	17	27	12
Bristol Rovers	16	4	4	8	23	38	12
Oxford United	18	4	3	11	31	38	11
Reading	18	3	4	11	23	45	10

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 23 Jan	Brentford	3-2
Sat 26 Sept	Brentford	0-2	Sat 30 Jan	Oxford United	1-6
Thu 1 Oct	Chelsea (SJFC 1R)	3-2	Sat 3 Feb	Southampton	
Sat 3 Oct	Oxford United	1-2	Sat 13 Feb	Crystal Palace	
Sat 10 Oct	Southampton	0-1	Sat 20 Feb	Wimbledon	
Sat 17 Oct	Crystal Palace	0-3	Sat 27 Feb	Brighton & H.A.	
Wed 21 Oct	Southend United (EJC)	4-2	Sat 6 Mar	Bristol Rovers	
Sat 31 Oct	Wimbledon	1-3	Sat 13 Mar	Bristol City	
Wed 4 Nov	Port Vale (FAYC 1)	4-1	Sat 27 Mar	Brighton & H.A.	
Sat 7 Nov	Swindon Town	3-1			

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Paul Telfer takes on John Beresford during our 0-0 home draw with Newcastle United last month.



Martin Williams leaves Kevin Scott grounded in the same match.



A welcome return of old foes

BACK TRACKING BY ROGER WASH



Amazingly enough, it is almost 25 years since we last entertained Brentford at Kenilworth Road, but it seems like only yesterday that we signed off our Fourth Division championship season with a 2-1 victory over the Bees.

Before that historic meeting, clashes between the two sides were a regular event stretching back to Southern League games at the turn of the century.

Fellow founder members of Division Three in 1920, the first Football League encounter between the sides took place at Kenilworth Road on December 4, 1920 with the Town running out 2-0 winners in front of a crowd of 9,000.

Until Brentford's promotion in 1933, the Town



Ray Whittaker scored against the Bees in 1968

remained unbeaten at home while picking up three wins at Griffin Park in the same period. The game at Kenilworth Road on February 1, 1933 looked par for the course with the Town taking a comfortable 4-1 lead by half-time but in an amazing turn around, Brentford ran riot in the second period and were apparently unlucky not to win. The final scoreline of 5-5 remains unique in history and in scoring all five goals, Jack Holliday stands out in the Brentford record books.

After all this excitement, it was probably a blessing that the sides did not meet again until 1947/48 by which time both were in Division Two. Hugh Billington tried hard to emulate Holliday's pre-war record by scoring all six Luton goals in two 3-0 wins over the Bees in August and September 1947, but the rest of the games between the sides leading up to Brentford's relegation in 1954, apart from a 3-3 draw at Griffin Park in 1954, were all low scoring.

On now to 1963/64 with both sides in Division Three

and the Town on a spiral down to the football basement. When we went to Griffin Park on February 8, 1964, we were mindful of the fact that Brentford had already beaten us rather easily that season and we had not won away for 16 months. However, in an incredible game, we ended up 6-2 winners with a young John O'Rourke scoring four.

There was no clue as to the eventual outcome when Brentford went in 1-0 up at half-time courtesy of an 11th minute effort from Mark Lazarus but six goals in the first 21 minutes of the second period certainly brought the match to light.

A Tom McKechnie cross was fumbled by Brentford goalkeeper Chick Brodie in the 46th minute leaving Harry Walden with a simple tap in goal for the equaliser and four minutes later the same thing happened again, only this time O'Rourke was the happy recipient of the gift.

Lazarus equalised for Brentford from the re-start, but two minutes later a header from O'Rourke regained the advantage with the same

player making it a seven-minute hat-trick soon after when he latched on to a careless back-pass.

Brodie limped off with an ankle injury to be replaced in goal by Allan Jones and he was powerless to prevent O'Rourke from scoring his fourth and Walden from smashing home the Town's sixth shortly before the end.

The final meetings between the sides were held in Division Four and in 1966/67 it is interesting to note that a certain David Pleat was on the scoresheet in a 3-0 win at Kenilworth Road; a header if I remember correctly.

Back now to where we started as Brentford hold fond memories for those enthusiasts of the Fourth

Division championship season on 1967/68 for it was at Griffin Park on February 17 that we went to the top of the table for the first time following a 2-0 win.

By the time of the return, we had already been crowned champions and the L.W.T. cameras were at Kenilworth Road for the first time to see the players presented with the trophies and medals. In truth, it was not much of a game, but goals from Bruce Rioch and Ray Whittaker sent the crowd of 14,643 home happy following a 2-1 win.



Gordon Riddick enjoyed spells at both Luton and Brentford

A HATTER AND A BEE

Abbots Langley-born Gordon Riddick joined the Town from school and was offered professional terms by Sam Bartram in April 1961.

Progressing through the junior teams and the reserves, he eventually made his league debut just before Christmas 1962 in a 2-1 defeat at Rotherham. He made two further appearances that season as the Town slipped into Division Three.

Regarded as a utility player, he was never allowed to settle in one position and his final tally of 102 league games for the Town was a mixture of defence, midfield and attack with eight different shirts being worn.

It came as a surprise when Gillingham offered £7,000 for his services in March 1967 but he enjoyed an altogether more successful period at Priestfield at a higher level of football than at the Town. Two years later he moved on to Charlton.

Spells at Orient and Northampton then followed before he finished his career with 108 appearances for Brentford, bowing out in February 1977.

5 It happened five years ago:-
13/2/88 - The usual defeat at Highbury saw Mark Stein scoring the consolation goal in a 2-1 reverse against Arsenal.

10 It happened ten years ago:-
12/2/83 - The Town's game at Manchester United was called off because of the state of the pitch. I ended up watching Northwich Victoria play Cammell Lairds!

15 It happened 15 years ago:-
11/2/78 - A televised 2-0 defeat at Blackburn. The match caused great discussion at the time because of a seemingly bad injury suffered by Lil Fucillo on a barely playable icy pitch.

20 It happened 20 years ago:-
17/2/73 - A 1-1 draw with Cardiff City saw Derek Hales score on his home debut.

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

	P	W	D	L	F	A
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Total	49	25	8	16	85	60

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Standing up for the terraces



A PERSONAL VIEW FROM DAVID KOHLER

To stand or not to stand? That has been one of the most vexed questions in football since the publication of the Taylor report, which requires us all to be seated by 1994-95. It is a question which, I know, provokes strong views and I am certain I am not alone in feeling that the time has come for us to consider standing up to be heard.

It is quite clear that neither a majority of clubs nor a majority of supporters desire all our football grounds to become all seated. I am one of those who, though I may enjoy a comfortable seat, feel it is right to preserve the tradition of standing accommodation on the terraces.

The atmosphere which has made our league football the envy of many countries in Europe has at least partly been due to the part played by the vocal support on the terraces. Though I concede, of course, that safety is paramount, I think it would be sad to lose all this and I feel we need some real feedback from our fans, telling us what they think about this particularly important issue.

If, as I suspect, the vast majority of right-minded supporters do not want to see Kenilworth Road turned into an all-seater stadium then I will have to consider what is the best action I can take to oppose this on their behalf.

There is no doubt about the popularity of standing on the terraces. One only has to see the television highlights of certain games shown recently to realise that. It was very noticeable during one recent game at Selhurst Park, for example, when Wimbledon played Everton, that virtually all the seating at

one end of the ground was completely empty while those few supporters who were there were in the standing accommodation.

What does this tell us? And should football, as a sports industry, continue to pursue a policy which will cost a great deal of money to complete, reduce attendances and aggravate many supporters? Safety, as I have said, is the paramount consideration in all of this. But I believe it is possible to have well-managed stadiums, which include standing accommodation, and which are entirely safe for all the spectators. What do you think?



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Finnish spell bears fruit for Martin



PLAYER INTERVIEW WITH MARTIN WILLIAMS

Martin Williams is the latest in a long line of talented youngsters to make the grade at Kenilworth Road. He made his home league debut against Newcastle last month, but it was his spell in Finland during the summer which spurred him on to make the grade.

After one solitary appearance for the first team last season - a second-half substitute appearance at Southampton - Martin travelled to pastures new in an attempt to gain the experience necessary to make the grade in league football. The former Luton schoolboy, who joined the Hatters from Leicester City nearly two years ago, spent all summer with Finnish First Division outfit Euran Pallo.

"I played for nearly the whole of the season, which lasted from April to August," said Martin. "I played in nearly every game and scored a few goals. It proved to be a great experience for me, playing regular league football every week, and I really enjoyed

myself, although I must admit I felt lonely on occasions.

"The standard is not as high as in England and the crowds are very small, but the players are very competitive, and that has helped me grow in strength."

Martin came back to England shortly after the start of the Town's current League campaign, determined to continue where he had left off in Finland, by playing league football.

"There is no doubt that my spell in Finland has helped me develop to the point where I am in contention for a place in the Luton team," continued Martin. "I was quite surprised, because not having a summer break I thought I would have

been a bit tired, but that has not been the case. I feel just as fit as I did in the summer."

After squad inclusions, Martin made his first full appearance of the season at West Ham United. A daunting place to

make your debut at the best of times, Martin also had to cope with being marked by Julian Dicks.

"That was an experience I will not forget," laughed Martin. "I was given a tough introduction that day, but I think I did O.K. for my first full appearance. I remember being nervous before the game, but once I got into my running, there is no time to even think of your nerves."

Martin made his next full appearance for the Hatters in our impressive 0-0 draw with league leaders Newcastle United at Kenilworth Road. Martin made an immediate impact in that game with some cavalier runs through the heart of the Newcastle defence and he clearly sees that game as his best yet for the club.

"Playing well against the best team in the league has certainly given me a lot of confidence for the rest of the season. I am hoping that my form of late will keep me in contention, but all I need now is a goal. I think I have scored in every other game for the reserves, so I am looking to net a couple for the first team."



Aug 15	Leicester City	1-2	17,428	16	Peterson	Linton	James	Kamara	Peake	Dreyer	(Oakes)	Hughes	Gray	Prece	CAMPBELL	Salton
Aug 22	Bristol City	0-3	7,926	22	Peterson	Linton	(James)	Kamara	Peake	Dreyer	Claridge	Hughes	Gray	Prece	Campbell	(Oakes)
Aug 29	Charlton Athletic	0-0	6,302	21	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Dreyer	Claridge	Hughes	Gray	Prece	Rees	(Oakes)
Sept 2	Newcastle United	0-2	27,054	21	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Dreyer	Claridge	Oakes	Gray	Prece	Rees	Johnson
Sept 5	Tranmere Rovers	3-3	6,801	23	Peterson	LINTON	James	Salton	Peake	Dreyer	CLARIDGE	OAKES	(Gray)	Prece	Rees	Johnson
Sept 13	Brentford	2-1	7,310	19	Peterson	Linton	JAMES	Salton	Peake	Johnson	Claridge	Kamara	GRAY	Prece	Rees	Oakes
Sept 15	Watford (AC)	0-0	5,197	-	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Johnson	(Claridge)	Kamara	(Gray)	Prece	Rees	(Campbell)
Sept 19	Birmingham City	1-1	8,481	21	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Johnson	CLARIDGE (pen)	(Kamara)	Gray	(Prece)	Rees	(Campbell)
Sept 23	Plymouth Argyle (CCC21)	2-2	3,702	-	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Matthew	Dreyer	Claridge	Kamara	Gray	Prece	Oakes	(Rees)
Sept 26	Notts County	0-0	5,992	21	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Matthew	Dreyer	Claridge	Kamara	Gray	(Prece)	Oakes	(Campbell)
Sept 29	Bristol City (AC)	1-1	2,538	-	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	(Matthew)	Dreyer	CLARIDGE	Kamara	Gray	(Campbell)	Rees	(Prece)
Oct 3	Portsmouth	1-4	7,954	22	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Oakes	DREYER	Claridge	Kamara	Gray	PREECE	Rees	(Matthew)
Oct 6	Plymouth Argyle (CC22)	2-3	8,946	-	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	(Peake)	Johnson	CLARIDGE	Kamara	Gray	Prece	Rees	(Dreyer)
Oct 10	Barnsley	0-3	5,261	23	Peterson	(Linton)	James	Salton	Johnson	Dreyer	Claridge	Kamara	Gray	Prece	Rees	(Oakes)
Oct 17	Derby County	1-3	8,848	23	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	JOHNSON	Matthew	Claridge	Kamara	Gray	Prece	(Oakes)	(Harvey)
Oct 24	Peterborough United	3-2	7,125	22	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Matthew	Johnson	Claridge	Kamara	(Prece)	GRAY 2	TELFER	Greene
Oct 31	Southern United	2-2	7,256	22	Peterson	Linton	JAMES	Salton	Peake	Johnson	Claridge	Kamara	Prece	GRAY	(Oakes)	Dreyer
Nov 3	Cambridge United	3-3	5,716	22	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Johnson	Claridge	Kamara	Prece	GRAY 2	OAKES	Greene
Nov 7	Grimsey Town	1-4	6,928	22	Chamberlain	(Linton)	James	Salton	Peake	Johnson	(Claridge)	Kamara	Rees	GRAY	Oakes	(Campbell)
Nov 14	Oxford United	0-4	5,760	22	Chamberlain	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Johnson	Peake	(Rees)	Gray	Prece	Oakes	Dreyer
Nov 21	Millwall	1-1	8,371	23	Chamberlain	Linton	James	Salton	(Hughes)	Peake	(Telfer)	Benjamin	Rees	GRAY	(Oakes)	Johnson
Nov 29	Watford	2-0	8,341	21	Chamberlain	Dreyer	James	Johnson	Hughes	Peake	(OAKES)	BENJAMIN	Rees	Gray	Prece	(Williams)
Dec 5	Bristol Rovers	0-2	6,245	20	Chamberlain	Dreyer	James	Johnson	Hughes	Peake	Oakes	(Benjamin)	Rees	Gray	Prece	(Linton)
Dec 12	Wolverhampton Wanderers	2-1	13,932	20	Chamberlain	Dreyer	James	Johnson	Hughes	Peake	Oakes	Telfer	(Rees)	Gray	Prece	(Linton)
Dec 19	Sunderland	0-0	8,286	20	Chamberlain	Dreyer	James	Johnson	(Hughes)	Peake	Telfer	(Rees)	Benjamin	Gray	Prece	(Linton)
Dec 23	West Ham United	-	18,786	20	Chamberlain	DREYER	James	Johnson	HUGHES	Peake	(Williams)	Telfer	Rees	Gray	Prece	(Benjamin)
Jan 9	Birmingham City	1-2	9,601	22	Chamberlain	Dreyer	James	Johnson	HUGHES	Peake	Oakes	Telfer	Rees	Gray	Prece	(Benjamin)
Jan 16	Notts County	0-0	6,729	22	Chamberlain	Dreyer	(James)	Johnson	Hughes	Peake	Telfer	(Benjamin)	Rees	Gray	Prece	(Williams)
Jan 19	Bristol City (FAC3)	2-0	6,092	-	Chamberlain	Dreyer	James	(Johnson)	HUGHES	Peake	Telfer	(Benjamin)	Rees	GRAY	(Oakes)	(Harvey)
Jan 23	Derby County (FAC4)	1-5	9,170	-	Chamberlain	Dreyer	James	Johnson	Hughes	Peake	TELFER	(Benjamin)	Rees	Gray	Prece	(Harvey)
Jan 27	Newcastle United	0-0	10,237	24	Chamberlain	Dreyer	James	Johnson	Hughes	Peake	Telfer	(Williams)	Rees	Gray	Prece	(Benjamin)
Jan 30	Bristol City	0-0	8,877	24	Chamberlain	Dreyer	James	Johnson	Hughes	Peake	Telfer	(Williams)	Rees	Gray	Prece	(Benjamin)
Feb 6	Leicester City	2-0	9,140	21	Chamberlain	Dreyer	James	JOHNSON	Hughes	Peake	Telfer	(Williams)	(Oakes)	GRAY	Prece	(Benjamin)
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Feb 13	Tranmere Rovers															
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May 1	Peterborough United															
May 8	Southern United															
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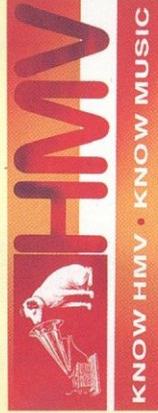
DIVISION ONE LEADING GOALSCORERS
(all competitions)

Whittingham (Portsmouth) 32; Aldridge (Tranmere) 24;
Blissett (Brentford) 21; Maskell (Swindon) 19.

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	6(4)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamie Campbell	2(7)	1	(-)	-	1(1)	-	-	-	2	-	-
Alec Chamberlain	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Steve Claridge	15(1)	2	2	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
John Dreyer	19	2	(-)	-	1	-	2	-	2	-	-
Phil Gray	27	11	2	-	2	-	2	1	2	1	-
Richard Harvey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(-)	-	-
Cent Hughes	14	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-
Julian James	27	2	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-
Marvin Johnson	19(2)	2	2	-	1	-	2	-	2	-	-
Chris Kamara	12	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
Des Linton	16(3)	1	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
Damien Matthew	3(2)	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott Oakes	13(13)	3	1(1)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	-
Trevor Peake	22	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	2	-	-
Andy Petterson	14	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
David Prece	26	-	2	1	1(1)	-	2	-	2	-	-
Jason Rees	20(1)	-	1(1)	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-
Darren Salton	15	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
Paul Telfer	12(1)	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	-
Martin Williams	4(4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Barclays League Division One Table

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Av Att	Leading Goalscorers
Newcastle United	28	19	5	4	52	24	62	28,869	Kelly 12, Peacock 10
West Ham United	28	15	7	6	52	27	52	14,352	Morley 16, Allen 12
Millwall	28	14	9	5	52	27	51	8,534	Moralee 9, Allen 7
Tranmere Rovers	26	14	6	6	50	33	48	7,392	Aldridge 21, Nevin 8
Portsmouth	28	12	8	8	48	34	44	10,967	Whittingham 27
Swindon Town	27	12	8	7	46	40	44	8,435	Maskell 16, Taylor 7
Grimsey Town	28	13	4	11	42	37	43	5,731	Groves 8, Mendonca 7
Leicester City	28	12	6	10	39	36	42	14,908	Davison 6, Joachim 6, Lowe 6
Charlton Athletic	29	10	11	8	35	29	41	7,053	Pardew 9, Dyer 4
Wolverhampton W	29	10	10	9	39	35	40	13,565	Bull 9, Mutch 7
Peterborough United	26	10	8	8	36	38	38	7,666	Adcock 11, Philliskirk 10
Watford	29	9	9	11	43	52	36	7,678	Furlong 16, Charlery 8
Oxford United	27	8	12	7	40	34	36	6,709	Durmin 11, Magilton 8
Brentford	28	10	6	12	39	41	36	8,727	Blissett 14, Allon 7
Barnsley	28	10	6	12	34	32	36	6,676	Biggins 9
Derby County	27	10	5	12	43	39	35	16,422	Kitson 10, Simpson 9
Bristol City	28	8	7	13	33	52	31	11,108	Cole 7
Sunderland	26	8	6	12	28	39	30	16,711	Goodman 6, Rush 6
Notts County	29	6	10	13	34	51	28	8,019	Smith 6
Cambridge United	28	6	10	12	32	48	28	5,006	Claridge 7, Francis 3
LUTON TOWN	27	5	12	10	28	45	27	8,100	Gray 11, Benjamin 8
Birmingham City	27	7	6	14	24	47	27	9,348	Frain 5
Bristol Rovers	29	7	5	17	37	60	26	5,947	Stewart 9, Taylor 9
Southend United	28	7	8	14	29	37	26	4,548	Collimore 6, Anshar 3

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A company general manager, Terry commenced refereeing in 1966 in the West Midlands and progressed via the Central League and the Alliance Premier League to the full League list in 1982. He lists his hobbies as tennis and squash.

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LUTON TOWN

Colours: White/Blue Shirts,
Blue/White shorts

Manager: David Pleat

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

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BRENTFORD

Colours: Red/White Shirts,
Black Shorts

Manager: Phil Holder

Graham Benstead
Brian Statham
Paul Mortimer
Keith Millen
Shane Westley
Billy Manuel
Joe Allon
Micky Bennett
Kevin Godfrey
Gary Blissett
Lee Luscombe

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