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Seven days is a long time in football

ON THE BALL WITH DAVID PLEAT



Welcome to this afternoon's game with one of the most entertaining sides in our division. We welcome John King, the directors, players and supporters of Tranmere and hope that we can give as good entertainment as in the game here last season (3-3) and at Tranmere this season (4-1).

We certainly have a score to settle. At Tranmere, we attacked the game but lost heavily. It was a most misleading scoreline but one which maintained Tranmere's push for promotion. Tranmere now stand second in the table.

If we are as hospitable to our guests as we were to our hosts last Saturday, we will lose. It was incredible how our mental attitude changed within seven days. Against Stoke we supported each other, wanted to get forward and took the game to the opposition despite two early setbacks.

At Charlton we succumbed to a side who were not on fire. The performances of several players were poor in the extreme, compared with the previous Saturday. Unless individuals can retain the same mentality home and away, we will have inconsistencies. It did not take a genius to conjure Juergen Sommer as our worthy 'star' man last Saturday.

I was also pleased with Trevor Peake's heroic efforts alongside Jamie Campbell, who was playing his second game at centre-back, and Alan Harper, who played with an enthusiasm lacking elsewhere.

Our problem is not exclusive. Recently, Tranmere gave a very inept performance away at Millwall. I also quote Mick McGiven of Ipswich who stated after last Saturday's 0-0 with Oldham: "Last week our attitude was right, the commitment was

right and we passed well. Seven days later we produce a performance that is not acceptable to the club and the crowd." George Graham after Arsenal's defeat at Coventry said: "It was a disappointing performance. They had more desire than us all over the pitch and that is not good enough. But for David Seaman, it could have been more than 1-0. Our forward line was non-existent. With the talent we have

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got it is just not good enough."

We shall need to be strong in every way next Sunday when we go down the road to our friends at Watford. We know it will be tough and we must endeavour to maintain our discipline. John Dreyer, a victim of his own indiscipline will be available for this

John Hartson makes it six against Stoke City on November 27.



game, although young Hartson will be sidelined. We have also extended the loan of Paul Dickov, who took such a nasty face wound during his tremendous efforts against Stoke.

This afternoon could be Mitchell Thomas' second home appearance since joining us on loan. It has been important for us to cover for the injuries of Julian James, Marvin Johnson and David Greene. All should be ready, along with David Preece, to help us in the vital weeks ahead. Christmas is always important. We need results that bring confidence to lead us into the F.A. Cup tie with Southend.

We will now be absent from Kenilworth Road until December 29 when we play

Grimsby. All those on the field or the bench who suffered the agonies and the excitement on Saturday afternoons thank our supporters for their continued backing during this period of trying to stabilise our playing results. Have a marvellous holiday and let us hope that we can inspire you to look forward to a super 1994.

Enjoy the game.

Community projects go from strength to strength

COMMUNITY MATTERS BY GARY HOOPER



Since its introduction last season, our Football in the Community scheme has proved to be a resounding success. This season, we have a number of activities in operation, some of which you may be interested in.

Firstly, I have pleasure in announcing that the Football in the Community programme has been given a cash injection of £600,000 by the Pizza Hut (UK) chain, which will be distributed to all clubs who participate. We at Luton Town have already seen the benefits of this sponsorship, with discounts for our Junior Hatters members when they visit local branches of Pizza Hut and we also held the first 'Junior Hatters Meet the Players night' at our local branch in Park Square, Luton. We hope to increase the successful and pleasant relationship between Pizza Hut and Luton Town as the season progresses.

A new initiative taken on by LTFC Football in the Community this season has been the formation of a course to help Bedfordshire Policemen gain their F.A. Preliminary badge. This course is run in conjunction with the Football Association at Lea Manor in Luton, and has been in operation now for 10 weeks. The aim of the course is to provide the officers with the necessary skills to go to local schools and youth associations to coach football. All 16 officers who have taken part have been astounded at just how much knowledge is needed to actually coach others the skills of football.

Our Learning Through Football project has proved to be an overwhelming success since its launch towards the end of last season. Schoolchildren from all over the Luton area have been invited to Kenilworth Road, where they have been taught a wide range of school topics such as Maths, History, English, Science and Geography. The difference from school, however, is that each topic is football-related which gives the children a chance to learn about football and, at the same time, progress their learning in the topics mentioned. We are currently fully booked until Easter 1994 when 34 schools will have

visited Kenilworth Road and over 1,000 pupils will have walked through our doors.

Staying on the topic of schools, our involvement now stretches out to a 20-mile radius of Kenilworth Road. We visit schoolchildren to give enjoyable training sessions which help enhance both boys and girls' skill on the ball: passing, dribbling, heading etc. At the end of our visit we also encourage the pupils to visit Kenilworth Road by means of a discount voucher.

Our Junior Hatters club has been re-launched for 1993-94 and one of the new features in this successful club has been the launch of a Saturday Club. From 11.30 am to 5.00 pm on home match Saturdays. The club is fully supervised and costs members only £5.00 or £3.00 if they are season ticket holders. This has proved to be a great way to watch Luton Town, and the scheme has also been praised by visiting clubs who have come to Kenilworth Road.

Finally, we are still running our Emergency First Aid Scheme which, when launched last season, was the first of its kind in the country. Those attending learn how to deal with serious injuries

which can happen on the sports field at any time. Each session lasts for three hours and covers basic life-saving skills to cope with basic resuscitation of an unconscious patient, major bleeding and choking.

This season a course has also been set up for the Town's first-team players so that they are fully aware of how to handle an emergency. Courses for the general public can be arranged any Monday evening at Kenilworth Road.

If you would like further information on any of the above courses, please contact Gary Hooper on (0582) 411622 or write to him c/o Luton Town FC, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds LU4 8AW.



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■ The third round of the F.A. Challenge Cup has given us a home tie with Southend United. The game will be played on Saturday, January 8, kick-off 3.00 pm. Ticket arrangements for season ticket holders and members appear on page 15 of today's match day magazine.

■ Tuesday, November 30 will be a day that will remain in the memory of most of the staff at the club for a very long time. Our arrival to commence work was greeted by the news of a break-in that had occurred late Monday evening or early that morning. The total office complex had incurred theft or damage in some form or other. Included were the chairman/managing director's office, Club 82 and the Hatters bar.

■ The damage caused was wanton vandalism and sheer destruction. What pleasure can be derived from such acts, one fails to understand. Once the police had completed their photographing for footprints and had taken fingerprints, it was early afternoon. At that time, all staff from the chairman to the youth trainees knuckled down to the task of clearing the mess and getting the club 'ship-shape', to enable business to resume. Everyone's attitude was one of 'we'll show them' and it was this fighting spirit and camaraderie that enabled

the task to be completed so promptly. To everyone involved, a big thank-you and well done.

■ Our youth team have been drawn away at East Thurrock in the second round of the Eastern Junior Cup. The match will take place on Monday, December 20, kick-off 7.30 pm.

■ This afternoon we welcome the choir of St Mary's Church from Walkern, near Stevenage. They will be singing carols prior to kick-off and during the half-time interval. The choir is led by the club's chaplain Mervyn Terrett. Mervyn's voice is well known as, on match days, he is our public address announcer. All supporters will, I am sure, know the tunes and most of the words of the well-known carols so do join in the singing and enjoy this opportunity to get into the pre-Christmas spirit.

■ The collection taken by the Luton Rotary Club prior to the Stoke City game on November 27 raised £482. All monies collected will go to the Mayor of Luton's Appeal, whose beneficiaries this year are the elderly. To all who contributed, thank-you.

■ With this being our last home Division One fixture before Christmas, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the chairman, directors, management, players and staff to wish all supporters a very happy Christmas.

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The club's primary responsibility through the Safety Officer, Officials, Staff and Stewards will be to ensure the reasonable safety of those attending the stadium.

A repeat performance would be nice!



CAPTAIN'S COLUMN BY TREVOR PEAKE



ur 6-2 win against Stoke City showed just what we are capable of doing at Kenilworth Road. A repeat would be nice, but we are realistic to know that any kind of victory would be welcomed today.

I hope those supporters who turned up against Stoke went home with a big smile on their faces. It was a first-class display with a very young and inexperienced side. Those players who came in showed that they want to be a part of the team week in, week out, which is good news for the manager.

It looked unlikely that we would get a result early on, especially after going 2-0 down



Trevor gets his point across to the referee against Stoke.

through two defensive errors. Both Jamie Campbell and Des Linton showed mental toughness to put their mistakes out of their minds and Kerry Dixon put on a vintage display. It is good to see him fully recovered from injury now.

That same team went into the game at Charlton last Saturday with confidence but, unfortunately, we let ourselves down and just did not compete. Although the score was only 1-0, we had Juergen to thank on a number of occasions with some outstanding saves. We never really looked like threatening their goal and we were all disappointed when we came off the pitch.

Today's game will prove equally as tough. Tranmere are flying at the moment and we will have to be on our toes to catch Pat Nevin and John Aldridge, who are both scoring goals freely at the moment. We seem to have been playing better at Kenilworth Road in recent weeks, so will be looking to take the points to continue our steady climb up the table.

As this is our last home match before Christmas, I like to take the opportunity to wish all fans a very merry Christmas.

Enjoy the game.



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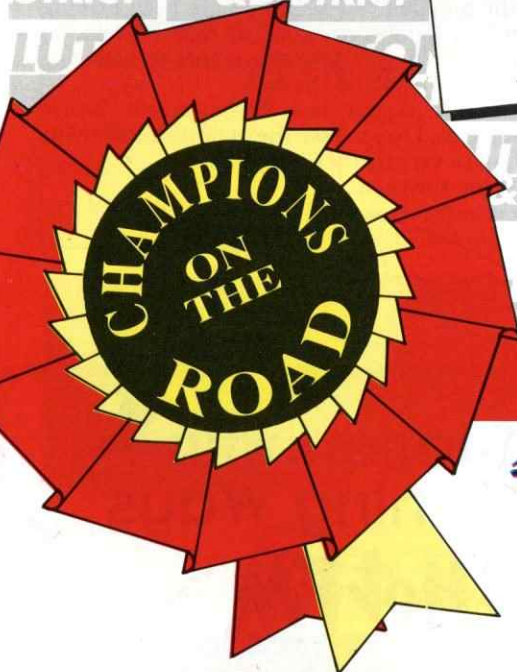
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Fry on the move again?

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NEWS ON ONE

Barry Fry, Southend's irrepressible manager, last Sunday showed the first signs that he could be on his way from Roots Hall when he publically stated that he was interested in the vacant job at Birmingham City.

"All I want to do is to be able to talk to Birmingham," Fry said. "Before I do anything I will get advice, probably from the Managers Association, but I just want a chance to talk, I cannot be fairer than that."

Birmingham have been forthright in expressing their interest in Fry but Southend's chairman Vic Jobson rejected an informal request for talks. As Southend moved into third place after a 0-0 draw with Leicester, Jobson stated defiantly: "Only the England or Manchester United job will take Barry away. It is not a slave camp here but I want Barry to stay."

Unlike Southend's result though, this stalemate seems unlikely to last as David Sullivan, Birmingham's chairman, will go through the formal channels to enlist Fry's skills. The former Barnet manager has hinted strongly that he would like to try his luck with a big city side. "You do not get many chances in this game," he said. "And Birmingham may prove an attractive proposition."

Birmingham, meanwhile, continued to disappoint and lay 14 points behind Fry's present club after going down at Nottingham Forest through a Chris Whyte own-goal. But Forest were not the only Nottingham club smiling: Notts County dented Crystal Palace's promotion hopes with a surprise 2-1 win at Selhurst Park - their first away success since September 1992. Alan Smith, Palace manager, was so shocked he claimed no excuse: "We did not roar, we whimpered."

County's success allowed Millwall to equal their south-London rivals' points tally. The Lions and Palace are both on 33 points after Mick McCarthy's side took all three points from the Manor Ground against Oxford United. Millwall's 2-0 win improved their promotion hopes but Darren Jackson was the man

they had to thank.

It was the 22-year-old defender's first senior appearance for Oxford since he suffered an ankle injury last March and he marked it by slicing a harmless cross into his own net. However United's Nick Cusack claims that Denis Smith has turned Oxford around: "He has come in and given us the belief we can win." Unfortunately for them, Jackson is still to benefit from this new-found confidence.

Perhaps Smith should 'un-hang' his boots and follow the lead taken by 37-year-old Watford boss Glenn Roeder. His team have lost five of their last six games and are in deep trouble at the bottom of Division One with a big injury list. Roeder has signed as a non-contract player to ease the Hornets injury worries but could only watch last Saturday as Stoke strikers Gary Bannister and Dave Regis sealed their fate.

"We were forced to play too many young players in key positions," claimed Roeder. But he added: "We still had the two best chances of the game." - Roeder will certainly add age and experience to his squad but the number of goals is likely to be negligible!

SOCCA QUIZ

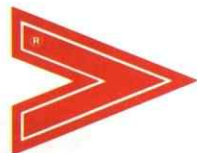
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- 2 How wide is the "goal-area"? (A) 30 yards (B) 20 yards (C) 10 yards
- 3 All Ramsey managed these champions (A) Man City (B) Ipswich (C) Derby
- 4 How many times has the World Cup been held? (A) 20 (B) 17 (C) 14
- 5 The highest number of replays in an FA Cup tie is (A) 3 (B) 5 (C) 7
- 6 Their nickname is "The Spiders" (A) Queens Park (B) Stoke (C) Leeds
- 7 When was Bobby Moore Footballer of the Year? (A) 1958 (B) 1964 (C) 1970
- 8 They were once called Abbey United (A) Cambridge (B) York City (C) Spurs
- 9 Lillestrom play in which country? (A) Sweden (B) Norway (C) France
- 10 Team that plays in amber (A) Hearts (B) Hibernian (C) Cambridge United

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Fans' Forum



GET BEHIND THE HATTERS

Dear Sir,

This season we have had so-called 'fans' calling for a boycott of a game that was important for us to gain maximum points, and at a time when the team needs all the support available.

At Derby, we heard a handful of fans calling for the head of David Pleat, a manager we need to help us out of our current situation, a manager with what must be the most unenviable position in football: no money, a small playing squad but still able to negotiate with larger clubs to enable us to bring adequate players to the club either by free transfer or on loan. Surely we should be giving this man our backing.

I then hear, what to me seems the most ridiculous of outbursts, these 'fans' getting on the backs of the younger players. We need these players to enable us to look to the future. Get behind them, give them the backing they deserve. Maybe then, more successful times will return to Kenilworth Road.

Name and address supplied.

FASHIONABLE THANKS

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank the club for their support of my recent fashion show at the Queensway Hall, Dunstable.

We were very pleased to receive an autographed football - and even more pleased that Kerry Dixon came along to present it, along with his generous donation.

Unfortunately, we did not make as much for the Hospice this year - but this was no-one's fault. Just a sign of the times, I think.

Once again, many thanks and good luck to the club for the rest of the season.

Eileen Jones, 'Duet', 10 Eleanors Cross, Dunstable, Beds LU6 1SU.

WATFORD FOOTBALL PROGRAMME FAIR

Dear Sir

The Watford Football Programme Fair takes place on Sunday, December 19 at the Dean Park Hotel, St Albans Road, Watford.

As you are probably aware, the Luton Town versus Watford fixture is also on this day, and with this in mind, the normal opening hours have been extended from 10 am to 3 pm. For those people not sure of the Dean Park Hotel's location, it is 15 to 20 minutes walk from the ground.

Dick Rattray Football Programmes, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. Tel: (0442) 64210.

HELP COMPLETE A COLLECTION

Dear Sir,

I require one programme to complete my collection of Luton Town home programmes since the Second World War. The programme I am after is the issue v Doncaster Rovers from 1951-2 (single sheet). If any supporter has this programme and is willing to sell, I will pay a good price.

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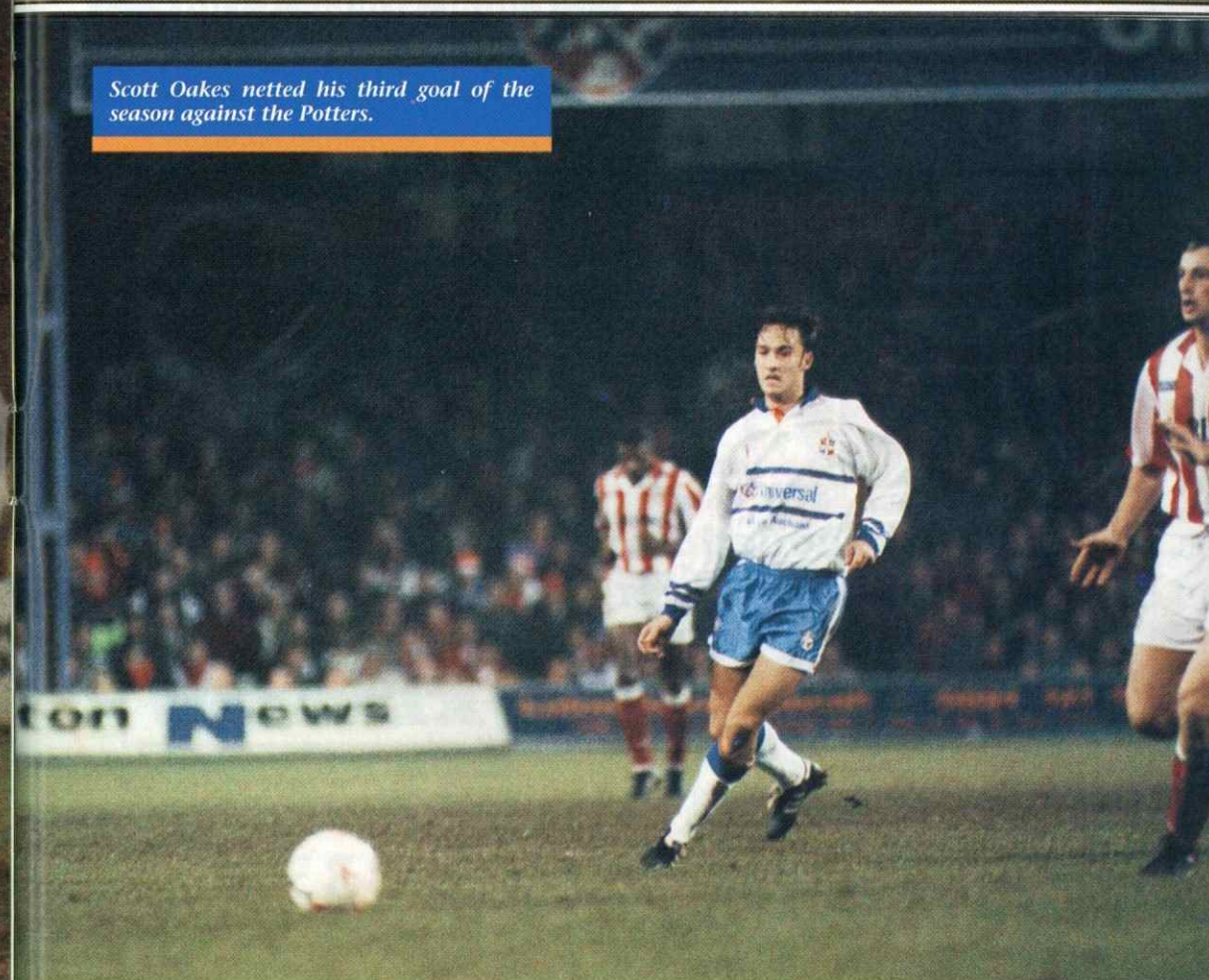
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"It's there!" says Kerry Dixon after his third goal hit the net.



Scott Oakes netted his third goal of the season against the Potters.



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Sunday, December 19, 1993 - Kick-off 12 noon

Seats priced at £11.00 (no concessions) are available from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road until 5 pm on Friday, December 17 and also on the day at Watford. Terracing costs £7.00 (no concessions). Pay on the turnstile on the day.

Peterborough United v Luton Town

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Monday, December 27, 1993 - Kick-off 3.00 pm

Seats for this match are priced at £12.00 (no concessions). Standing is £8.00 (no concessions). Both are only available on the day of the match. Pay at the turnstile.

Luton Town v Grimsby Town

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Wednesday, December 29, 1993 - Kick-off 7.45 pm

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

West Bromwich Albion v Luton Town

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, January 1, 1994 - Kick-off 3.00 pm

Seats priced at £11.00 (no concessions) are available from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road until Thursday, December 30 at 5.00 pm and on the day at West Bromwich Albion. Terracing is priced at £7.00 (no concessions). Pay on the day at the turnstiles.

Luton Town v Southend United

F.A. CUP THIRD ROUND

Saturday, January 8, 1994 - Kick-off 3.00 pm

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Friday 24th December 10 am - 1 pm

Saturday 25th December Closed

Sunday 26th December Closed

Monday 27th December Closed

Tuesday 28th December 10 am - 5 pm

Wednesday 29th December 10 am - Kick-off

Thursday 30th December 10 am - 5 pm

Friday 31st December 10 am - 1pm

Saturday 1st January 10 am - 12 noon

Spotlight on today's visitors



TRANMERE ROVERS F.C. 1993-94

■ Tranmere Rovers visit Kenilworth Road this afternoon in a confident frame of mind after an opening half to the 1993-94 campaign which has seen the club vie for the top spot in the Division One table. Alongside Charlton Athletic, they have maintained a consistency which stems back to last season, a season which saw Rovers reach the First Division play-offs and also progress further than fellow Merseyside clubs Everton and Liverpool in the F.A. Cup.

■ A major reason for the club's success this term has been their almost faultless displays at Prenton Park. Rovers have lost just one game at home, to Barnsley 3-0, and have conceded just nine goals there, a record unequalled in the First Division at the time of writing. The club also owe much to the form of a re-juvenated Pat Nevin. Since his transfer from Everton at the start of last season, Nevin has become a regular goalscorer from the wide positions, and his form has impressed Scotland's national manager Craig Brown, who has made Nevin an integral part of his side.

■ "It's just a wonderful feeling to be involved on the international scene and it makes me extremely proud to play for my country," said Nevin. "The priority is obviously to do well for Tranmere and take anything else as a bonus, but I have scored goals recently for Scotland and I just hope that I am

in the new manager's plans." He added: "At Tranmere we have excellent players at the club and on our day, especially at home, we are capable of tearing any team apart. There is no reason why we should not be challenging for the top spot at the end of the season."

■ Manager John King appears to have found a nice balance between youthful home-grown players and more experienced professionals who have seen it before in the game. He has seen the side progress, and it is a case of so far, so good. "In the League we have made a promising start and are in just the position we want to be at this stage of the season. The goals are being created and we are getting on with the business of getting this club into the Premiership," said King.

■ Tranmere Rovers were formed in 1884 as Belmont and they adopted their present title the following year. They started out in the West Lancashire League in 1889-90 and, after an initial uncertain period, went from strength to strength. They joined the Football League in 1921 from the Central League, winning their first match against Crewe Alexandra 4-1 in Division Three (North). Cup success has been limited for the Merseysiders, winning the Division Three (N) title in 1937-8, the Welsh Cup in 1935 and the Leyland DAF trophy in 1990.



Back row (left to right): Alan Morgan, Mark Proctor, Dave Higgins, Mark Hughes, John McGreal, Gary Jones, Shaun Garnett, Graham Branch, Ian Nolan, John Evans, Ged Brannan.
Middle row (left to right): Norman Wilson (secretary), Kenny Jones (trainer), Ronnie Moore (coach), Steve Vickers (now Middlesbrough), Chris Malkin, Martin Jones, Eric Nixon, Danny Coyne, Mick Edwards, Jonathan Kenworthy, Phil Johnson, Harry McNally (chief scout), Warwick Rimmer (youth development officer), Ray Mathias (coach).
Front row (left to right): Dave Martindale, Tony Thomas, Ian Muir, John King (manager), John Aldridge, Pat Nevin, Johnny Morrissey, Kenny Irons.

VISITORS ON PARADE

ERIC NIXON (goalkeeper) - Eric began his career with Manchester City in 1985 and spent loan periods at Wolves, Oldham, and Bradford while at Maine Road. Since joining Tranmere in 1988 he has remained first-choice goalkeeper.

DAVE HIGGINS (defender) - Dave is in his second spell at Prenton Park, having drifted into non-league football at South Liverpool, Ellesmere Port and Caernarvon during the intervening five years. He returned to Tranmere in 1987 and has been a model of consistency since.

IAN NOLAN (defender) - Ian was signed from Marine for around £12,000 in August 1991. He was once on Preston's books and picked up the Tranmere Player of the Year title in his first season at the club.

SHAUN GARNETT (defender) - Local product, Shaun has progressed through the club's youth team and has proved to be a highly capable central defender. Shaun was a regular in the starting eleven last season.

TONY THOMAS (defender) - Tony made his league debut as a 17-year-old in 1988-89 and his versatility enables him to play anywhere in defence or midfield. He scored Tranmere's fastest ever goal, versus Southend in 1991, recorded at 7.7 seconds.

MARK PROCTOR (midfield) - Signed from Middlesbrough on a free transfer in July 1993, Mark has also seen service with Nottingham Forest, Sheffield Wednesday and Sunderland during his career. A former England under-21 international, he had a brief spell with Rovers on loan towards the end of 1992-93 season.

PAT NEVIN (midfield) - Pat became Rovers' costliest player following his transfer from Everton in August 1992 for £300,000. A current Scottish inter-

national, he started his career with Clyde before moving to Chelsea. A £925,000 transfer took him to Everton in 1988.

GED BRANNAN (midfield) - A product of the club's youth scheme, Ged is in his fourth season as a professional. Locally born, he can also operate in defence and at full-back, when needed.

JOHNNY MORRISSEY (midfield) - A former England youth international, John followed his father to Everton but left for Wolves in 1985. His spell at Molineux was short lived, and he returned to Merseyside, with Tranmere, for £8,000.

KENNY IRONS (midfield) - Another Prenton Park youth team product, Kenny became a professional in 1989. He became an important cog in Rovers' midfield last season, but has been used from the substitute's bench in recent weeks.

CHRIS MALKIN (forward) - Locally-born, Chris made his Tranmere debut in 1987. He has since made over 140 league appearances for the club, scoring more than 30 goals. Chris joined the club from non-league Stork in 1988 and a year later gave up his job with Barclays Bank to become a professional.

JOHN ALDRIDGE (forward) - Tranmere's leading goalscorer last season, John joined Tranmere from Real Sociedad for £250,000 at the beginning of season 1991-92. He started his career at Newport and enjoyed prolific spells at Oxford United and later Liverpool, before moving to Spain in 1989.

JOHN KENWORTHY (forward) - Welsh youth international, 19-year-old John made his league debut at the start of the season and scored his first goal against Notts County on September 4. He came through the youth ranks at Prenton Park and can play on either flank.

MEET THE BOSS



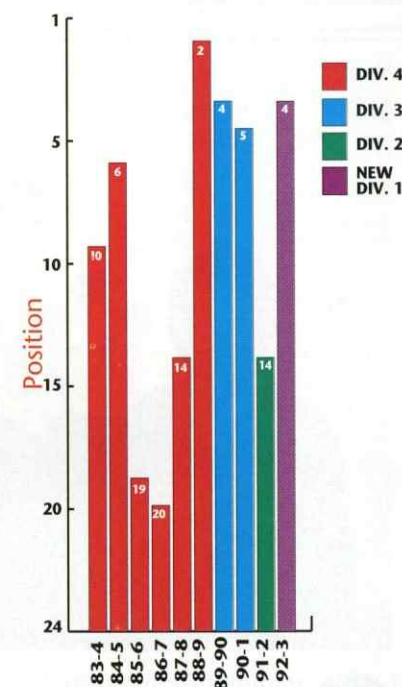
When John King returned for his second spell as Tranmere manager in 1987, the club were close to the bottom of the Fourth Division, but he stated at the time that Rovers were good enough to climb into Division One.

Within two years, he had led the side into Division Three. In 1990 they were beaten at Wembley in the play-offs, but a year later they returned to beat Bolton 1-0 and earn promotion back to the Second Division for the first time since 1939. He has since established the side as one of the leading lights in the new Division One and last season led them to the end of season play-offs.

Mr King began his professional career as a midfielder with Everton. He moved to Bournemouth in 1960, but within a year he was back on Merseyside - with Tranmere. He made well over 250 first-team appearances before joining Port Vale in 1968.

He spent coaching spells at Wigan, Tranmere, Northwich and Caernafon before taking over the reins at Prenton Park in 1985.

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JUNIOR HATTERS

Today I would like to welcome all the players and supporters of Tranmere Rovers. I hope we have as much to talk about after today's match as we did against Stoke City!

Last Monday, we had the first of this year's Junior Hatters Christmas parties at Laser Quest in Luton. For those of you who did not attend, the evening was full of fun and entertainment, with the first-team players enjoying a somewhat different type of training!

There are still a few places available for the over-11's night, which takes place at Laser Quest this Tuesday (December 14), so if you would like to book, please telephone the Ticket Office on (0582) 416976.

As this will be the last home match before Christmas, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and thank those who have helped with the Junior Hatters this year. Remember, the Saturday Club is closed for our match against Grimsby Town on December 29, but returns for our match against Millwall on January 4.

Merry Christmas,

Harry.

MATCH DAY MASCOT



Name: Raymond Smith
Date of Birth: 26.12.81
School attended:
Sundon Park Juniors
Hobbies: Football and basketball
Favourite Luton player:
Kerry Dixon
Local team you play

for: Sundon Park Rangers
Who accompanies you to
Luton matches: Phil
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JUNIOR HATTERS TRAVEL

Travel arrangements for the away games at Watford and Peterborough are as follows:

19.12.93 Watford - depart Kenilworth Road forecourt: 10.30 am

Arrive home approximately 2.30 pm

27.12.93 Peterborough United - depart Kenilworth Road forecourt: 12.30 pm

Arrive home approximately 6.30 pm

The price for all matches this season has been fixed at £5.00 for Junior Hatters and £8.00 for accompanying adults (price includes tickets for the match). Booking and payment to be made via the Ticket Office up to four days prior to the match.

JUNIOR HATTERS' BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

December 11 - 28: Gary Thomas, Christopher Furlong, Mark Bartlett, Richard Mariner, Joanne Bryson, Lee Forrester, Krishan Pura, Lindsey Peacock, Scarlett Bennett, Michael Mercel, Hayden Pool, Jamie Dennis, Steven Hardy, Katie Rayner, Frederick Shears, Mark Kelly, Richard Orr, Susan Riddell, Joanne White, Laura Murton, Gary Windsor, David Barker, James Walklate, Liz Chamberlain, James Marsh, David Grashy, Laura Dunne, David Barrie, Michael Grant, Joel Richardson, Neville Brooks, Craig Almond, Andrew Jeffrey, Mark Fyles, Ian Scott, David Mumford, Matthew Atkinson, Mitchell Pengelly, David Mechem, Kric Pile, Ben O'Donoghue, Lee Bounsall, Christopher Ward, James Woodgate, Mark Thompson, David Stronell, Joel Driscoll, Sharon Tungey, Stephen Andrews, Lee Wood, Christopher Brady, Lee Marshall, Mark Taylor, Lindsey Hawkins, Carl Wilson, Chris Lucas, Carol Keeble, Leon Bradley, Laura Noble, Daniel Baverstock, Emma Butterfield, Matthew Ayles, Richard Smith, Peter Halpin. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!**

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Paul Dickov, whose loan spell with the club has been extended for another month, strikes at goal at the Valley last Saturday.



Kerry Dixon is halted by Charlton scorer Phil Chapple



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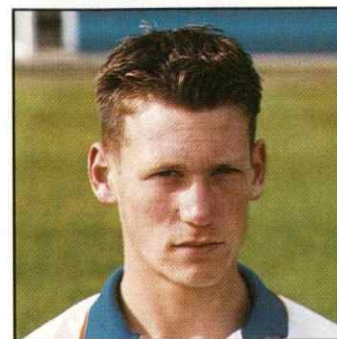
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Youth side gallant in defeat

RESERVES AND YOUTH BY WAYNE TURNER AND TERRY WESTLEY



Hatters bow out at Highbury



Our youth team were also eliminated from the Southern Junior Floodlight Cup by a strong Arsenal side, who won 2-1 with the last kick off the game. The young Hatters went 1-0 up via a stunning 20-yard volley from Paul McLaren (above) but could not hold out against the current South East Counties League Division One leaders. Said Terry Westley: "We held our own for long periods and it was disappointing to lose to such a late goal. Although it is nice to win cups, our main aim is to produce players of the future."

Neville Ovenden Football Combination 1993/94 League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	16	8	5	3	28	24	29
Chelsea	14	8	4	2	24	12	28
Tottenham Hotspur	16	8	3	5	34	20	27
Norwich City	15	6	5	4	27	23	23
Ipswich Town	15	7	2	6	27	28	23
Swindon Town	13	7	1	5	18	15	22
LUTON TOWN	15	6	3	6	33	29	21
Bristol Rovers	16	5	6	5	22	25	21
West Ham United	13	5	5	3	21	15	20
Millwall	13	5	3	5	23	19	18
Arsenal	14	5	3	6	25	26	18
Oxford United	15	5	3	7	27	29	18
Portsmouth	16	4	6	6	17	21	18
Queens Park Rangers	12	5	2	5	18	18	17
Crystal Palace	13	4	4	5	15	16	16
Brighton & Hove Albion	13	3	6	4	14	13	16
Bristol City	14	4	3	7	15	34	15
Wimbledon	13	2	7	4	17	22	13
Charlton Athletic	11	3	1	7	10	15	10
Watford	13	2	4	7	19	30	10

(up to and including 27.11.93)

Neville Ovenden Football Combination Fixtures Season 1993/94

Wed 18 Aug	West Ham United	4-1	Wed 5 Dec	Wimbledon
Wed 25 Aug	Queens Park Rangers	4-2	Wed 12 Dec	Ipswich Town
Wed 1 Sept	Watford	5-1	Wed 19 Jan	Bristol Rovers
Wed 8 Sept	Wimbledon	1-1	Mon 24 Jan	Chelsea
Thur 16 Sept	Norwich City	2-3	Wed 2 Feb	Ipswich Town
Wed 22 Sept	Tottenham Hotspur	1-2	Wed 9 Feb	Brighton & Hove Albion
Mon 27 Sept	Langford (BPC)	2-1	Wed 16 Feb	Chelsea
Wed 29 Sept	Oxford United	4-3	Mon 21 Feb	Millwall
Wed 6 Oct	Portsmouth	4-2	Wed 2 Mar	Brighton & Hove Albion
Wed 13 Oct	Swindon Town	2-1	Tue 8 Mar	West Ham United
Tue 19 Oct	Watford	2-4	Wed 16 Mar	Bristol Rovers
Wed 27 Oct	Southampton	1-3	Wed 23 Mar	Millwall
Mon 1 Nov	Queens Park Rangers	1-3	Mon 28 Mar	Charlton Athletic
Wed 10 Nov	Southampton	1-1	Tue 5 Apr	Crystal Palace
Wed 17 Nov	Arsenal	1-1	Tue 12 Apr	Bristol City
Wed 24 Nov	Portsmouth	0-1	Mon 2 May	Bristol City
Mon 29 Nov	Oxford United	0-4	Wed 4 May	Charlton Athletic
Fri 3 Dec	Crystal Palace	0-1		
Mon 6 Dec	Stotfold (BPC2)	1-0		
Tue 14 Dec	Arsenal			
Fri 17 Dec	Norwich City			
Wed 22 Dec	Tottenham Hotspur			

Match Reports

Luton Town 0 Derby County 1

F.A. Youth Cup, first round second replay, Wednesday, December 1, 1993.

After three encounters against a very strong Derby side, Terry Westley's youth team finally bowed out of the F.A. Youth Cup. Despite the disappointment, Westley believes the experience will benefit his young team in the long run. "It was very disappointing to go out, but hopefully our boys have learned from the games," he said. "Since our first game against Derby, we have played Bournemouth and Southampton - who are at the top of the table - in the league, and beaten them both. Our boys are progressing well and I think that has had a lot to do with our endeavours in the youth cup."

"The game itself was a very close encounter, because both sides knew each other so well. We hit the woodwork and missed a couple of chances which probably we should have scored from. Only one goal was going to settle it, unfortunately it went to Derby. Nevertheless, it was a tremendous effort."

Team: Davis, Willmott, Chenery, Woolgar, Simpson, McLaren, Gibb, Power, Campbell, Woodsford, Issott. Subs: Palmer, Goodridge.

Oxford United 4 Luton Town 0

Neville Ovenden Football Combination, Monday, November 29, 1993.

With a depleted side, due to injuries and some controversial refereeing decisions, Wayne Turner's reserve side crashed 4-0 at Oxford last week. The game saw the dismissal of emergency centre-half John Hartson and Greg Rioch, both for two bookable offences. "They were sent-off for trivial offences and it turned out to be a sad night for us," said Turner. "We started brightly despite only having two recognisable defenders in Richard Philp and Rioch. They scored first through a penalty and Scott Houghton and Martin Williams went close before our boys were shown their red cards. It was then downhill all the way but despite our problems, I was pleased with Philp, who held the defence together, and 15-year-old schoolboy centre-half Jay Thomas, who came on as a substitute."

Team: Davis, Ryan, Rioch, Hartson, Philp, Houghton, Preece, Thorpe, Gentle, Williams, Auger. Subs: Thomas, Palmer.

Reserves - Appearances and Goalscorers 1993-94

	Combination LEAGUE	Goals	County CUP	Goals
	App		App	
Auger	11	7	1	-
Benjamin	1(1)	2	-	-
Campbell	12	2	1	2
Chenery	-	-	1	-
Davis	2	-	1	-
Dixon	4	1	-	-
Gentle	10(3)	3	2	-
Gibb	-(1)	-	-	-
Greene	10	-	1	-
Hartson	8	3	1	-
Harvey	3	-	-	-
Houghton	12(1)	4	1	-
Hughes	1	1	-	-
Issott	-	-	1(1)	-
James	2	-	-	-
Johnson	1	-	1	-
Jukes	-(1)	-	-	-
Linton	7	-	1	-
McLaren	6	-	-	-
Oakes	4(1)	-	1	-
Petterson	14	-	1	-
Philp	9	-	1	-
Preece	2	-	1	-
Rees	9	-	-	-
Rioch	9	-	-	-
Ryan	9(2)	-	2	-
Sansom	5	1	-	-
Simpson	1(2)	-	1	-
Telfer	1	-	1	-
Thomas	-(1)	-	-	-
Thorpe	8(3)	2	1	-
Whittington	1	1	-	-
Williams	10(3)	4	1	1
Woodsford	-(3)	-	-	-
Woolgar	3(4)	-	-(1)	-

Youth Team Appearances and Goalscorers 1993-94

	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
Butler	10(1)	3	3	1	2	2	2	1	-	-
Campbell	10	-	3	-	2	-	3	-	-	-
Chenery	10(2)	-	3	-	2	-	3	-	-	-
Davis	10	-	2	-	2	-	3	-	-	-
Evers	-(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-(1)	-
Fortiadis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Gibb	12	1	3	-	2	-	3	-	-	-
Goodridge	1(5)	-	-	-	-(1)	-	-(2)	-	1	-
Issott	3(7)	-	-(3)	-	-(2)	-	1(2)	-	1	-
Jones	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Jukes	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kuntz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Linnell	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-(1)	-
McLaren	11	1	3	1	2	-	3	-	-	-
Palmer	8(1)	-	1(2)	-	1	-	1(2)	-	1	-
Power	10	-	3	-	2	-	3	1	1	-
Simpson	11	-	3	1	2	-	3	-	1	-
Thomas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Turner	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Watkins	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Willmott	5	1	1(1)	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Woodsford	12	3	3	1	2	3	3	-	-	-
Woolgar	12	6	3	1	2	-	2	-	1	-

South East Counties League Division Two 1993/94

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wimbledon	12	8	0	4	35	21	16
AFC Bournemouth	13	7	1	5	26	20	15
Oxford United	12	5	4	3	23	16	14
Crystal Palace	11	6	2	3	18	14	14
LUTON TOWN	12	5	4	3	18	15	14
Reading	11	5	3	3	18	16	13
Southampton	13	5	3	5	17	15	13
Brentford	13	4	5	4	16	15	13
Tottenham Hotspur	12	6	1	5	18	21	13
Colchester United	14	4	4	6	18	27	12
Brighton & Hove Albion	13	4	2	7	21	27	12
Swindon Town	10	3	3	4	16	17	9
Bristol Rovers	13	3	2	8	19	29	8
Bristol City	11	2	2	7	10	20	6

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South East Counties League Division Two Fixtures Season 1993/94

Sat 14 Aug	Swindon Town	1-1	Tue 16 Nov	Derby County (FAYC1R)	1-1
Sat 21 Aug	Crystal Palace	1-1	Sat 20 Nov	Bristol Rovers	1-0
Sat 28 Aug	Reading	1-2	Tue 23 Nov	Arsenal (SJFC2)	1-2
Sat 4 Sept	Wimbledon	1-0	Wed 1 Dec	Derby County (FAYC2R)	0-1
Sat 11 Sept	Tottenham Hotspur	0-1	Sat 4 Dec	Bristol Rovers	0-5
Wed 15 Sept	West Ham United (SJFC)	1-1	Sat 11 Dec	Swindon Town	
Sat 18 Sept	Charlton Athletic (SECLC1)	3-1	Sat 18 Dec	East Thurrock (EJC2)	
Sat 25 Sept	Brighton & Hove Albion	2-3	Mon 20 Dec	Reading	
Sat 2 Oct	Oxford United	1-1	Sat 1 Jan	Wimbledon	
Mon 11 Oct	West Ham United (SJFCR)	3-1	Sat 8 Jan	Tottenham Hotspur	
Sat 16 Oct	Brentford	1-1	Sat 15 Jan	Brighton & Hove Albion	
Sat 23 Oct	Chelsea (SECLC2)	2-5	Sat 22 Jan	Oxford United	
Tue 26 Oct	Derby County (FAYCI)	1-1	Sat 29 Jan	Bristol City	
Sat 30 Oct	Bournemouth	2-1	Sat 5 Feb	Brentford	
Thur 4 Nov	Cambridge City (EJC)	4-1	Sat 12 Feb	Bournemouth	
Sat 6 Nov	Southampton	2-1	Sat 19 Feb	Southampton	
Tue 9 Nov	Derby County (FAYC1R)	P-P	Sat 26 Feb	Colchester United	
Sat 13 Nov	Colchester United	5-3	Sat 5 Mar		

Preecie's on the way back



PLAYER INTERVIEW

David Preece has been missing for much of the season with a knee injury, sustained away from the football pitch. He has required keyhole surgery for the problem, but at long last, he is ready to return to the first-team fray.

David has seen it all with Luton Town. Littlewoods Cup success, Littlewoods Cup defeat, and a shift from a team packed with experience to a team brimming with youthful enthusiasm. His experience is much-needed in the side at present, so supporters will be pleased to know that 'Mini' is back.

"It's been disappointing to miss so much of the opening to the season with the injury, but it is great to be training and playing again," said David.

"The keyhole surgery was used to tidy up some loose tissue around the knee and it was all over pretty soon. I thought that I would have been back quicker, but I suppose it is a sign that old age is creeping up when injuries take longer to heal," continued the 30-year-old midfielder. "Saying that though, I still feel fit, fresh and can match the youngsters when it comes to training."

Despite the disadvantage of weeks on the injury table, David has been able to assess the Hatters' performance from the touchline. The team have been improving gradually, and he believes the time has come to turn the corner.

"In recent weeks I have seen an improvement in the side which has given all the lads confidence," he added. "Everybody is pulling together, trying hard and that is good. It is much easier, when your back is to the wall, to play in a team that is pulling in the same direction. Wimbledon are a prime example of this."

David has featured in the reserves' last four games and should be pushing for a first-team squad place this afternoon. He just hopes the Town can win as many games as possible so that he can ease himself back into contention.

"It is much easier to make my return in a team that is winning, than in a team which is strug-

gling," he said. "Obviously it will take time for me to adjust to the pace of the game and with a knee injury it is important not to rush back. The reserve team run-outs have been good for me because many teams contain their fair share of first-teamers. Just look at Arsenal when they came here the other week: they had Kevin Campbell, Ray Parlour, Steve Morrow and a few others who have broken into the first-team."

David will be 31 next May, making him the fourth oldest player at the club behind Kerry Dixon, Trevor Peake and Alan Harper. Apart from the healing process when injured, he doesn't see age as an obstacle and he looks at his captain for inspiration.

"Just look at Trevor, he is still outstanding in our defence at the age of 36. He rarely puts a foot wrong and at this level of football he doesn't look out of place against younger forwards."

"In my position I also look at Ray Wilkins, who oozes class and he is 37. He could still play for England with his skill and he makes the game look simple. I think as long as you can keep yourself fit, there is no reason why you cannot play until you are 40."

So David has another ten years left in him, hopefully at Kenilworth Road. Let's hope the displays will be as consistent and enjoyable as the first nine he has had with the club!



A light at the end of the tunnel

BACK TRACKING BY ROGER WASH



When Allan Brown took over as manager at Kenilworth Road on November 5, 1966 he must have wondered what he was letting himself in for. The team was struggling in Division Four with only one away point gained and crowds were down to a new post-War low.

His first game in charge saw the Town go down 1-0 at Port Vale and although Crewe were seen off at Kenilworth Road the following week, it was soon back to losing ways with successive defeats at Bradford City and Barrow.

As mentioned in this column before, the Town, inexplicably, arranged mid-week games at Kenilworth Road on a Thursday evening and the F.A. Cup first round replay was no exception. Although the game was won 2-0, the victory came with a price.

A crowd of 7,078 had turned up on a miserable night to see a team that had forced a surprising 1-1 draw at St James' Park, Exeter the previous Saturday and they were delighted to see the Town roar into an early 2-0 lead, courtesy of goals from Bruce Rioch and a certain David Pleat.

Unfortunately, the game turned nasty in the second-half. Exeter used the slippery surface as an excuse to 'mistime' tackles with the result that the Town finished with ten men on the pitch, of which quite a few were walking wounded.

The upshot was that two days later a weakened and bruised Luton team lined up at Sincil Bank, Lincoln, for a bottom-of-the-table clash which was lost 8-1. When a team, second from bottom of the Fourth Division loses by such a score to the bottom club, something has to be done, and from this low point in the Town's history, things did start to get slowly better.

Allan Brown immediately went into the transfer market and paid £7,000 to Leicester for centre-half Max Dougan, who starred in the 3-2 home win over Chesterfield the following week. He then went to Peterborough and came back with ex-England centre-forward Derek Kevan who scored on his debut in the 1-1 draw at Halifax - only the second away point of the season!

This two-game unbeaten run was seen as a revival of epic proportions and I can remember a letter written to the weekly magazine 'Soccer Star' predicting promotion after pointing out instances of teams that had swept up the table from a lowly position in previous years.

The test would come with home and away games against high-flying Tranmere Rovers over Christmas (a computer could not be blamed in those days for this ridiculous pairing) and the Town players set off for Birkenhead on Boxing Day in confident mood, only to return with a 1-0 defeat.

Although the Town were under the cosh in the first-half at a windy Prenton Park, the



John Moore, a regular in the side soaring the Town's rise to Division Two.

Tranmere goal did not come until the second period when ex-Hatter George Yardley took advantage of a slip by John Moore to slide the ball past a committed Tony Read.

The Town pushed for the equaliser with Moore, trying to make up for his error, going close with long-range efforts. The home side managed to hold on, however, with the 6,806 crowd baying for the final whistle.

It was touch-and-go whether the return game would be played, as thick fog enveloped Kenilworth Road the following day, but a crowd of 9,001 was allowed in to witness a sensational start.

In the second minute, Alan Slough injured an ankle and was replaced by David Pleat, and ten minutes later the Town were two-up through goals from Ray Whittaker and Derek Kevan. Whittaker scored a rare header from close range after a shot from Rioch was only partly cleared, while Kevan took advantage of another shot from Rioch, to slide the ball into the net from six inches. Luckily, both goals were scored at the Oak Road end, enabling me to see them!

As the fog partially lifted, the Town continued to force the pace and the margin in our favour could, and should have been a good deal wider. What we did not know at the time was that this was the beginning of four years of unprecedented success which saw us climb to Division Two. Perhaps the chap who wrote to the Soccer Star knew something all along!



IT HAPPENED FIVE YEARS AGO
10/12/88 - A cracking goal from Mick Harford was enough to see the Town through 1-0 at the Baseball Ground, Derby.



IT HAPPENED TEN YEARS AGO
10/12/83 - The Town pushed up to eighth position in Division One following a 4-2 win at Stoke. The Luton goalscorers were Paul Walsh with three and Ray Daniel with his first for the club.



IT HAPPENED 15 YEARS AGO
9/12/78 - A sad debut for Jake Findlay in the Luton goal as the Town went down 2-1 at home to Preston in front of a crowd of 7,036.



IT HAPPENED 20 YEARS AGO
12/12/73 - The 'three day week' meant power cuts, so the club hired a generator to enable the game against Cardiff to go ahead. Unfortunately, it was not very effective but after several stoppages, the Town won 1-0 with Jim Ryan scoring the all-important goal.

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

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Home	6	5	1	0	15	5
Away	7	3	0	4	10	12
Total	13	8	1	4	25	17

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT LUTON TOWN



Who was the player Harry Haslam signed from Tranmere after being tipped off about a young winger named Steve Coppell?



Who was the last man to score for Luton against Tranmere, and where is he now?



What was special about a match between the Town and Tranmere last season?

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A rabbit on the wing

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? - BY ROGER WASH

A young Billy Waugh had his mind set on joining Hearts, the club where his Grandfather gave distinguished service as manager's secretary shortly after the turn of the century, but the advent of War put a stop to that.

"I played for junior side Bathgate Thistle and had appeared in public trials for Hearts," said Billy, who is still going strong at 72. "but the outbreak of War saw me eventually join the R.A.F. where I trained as a physical training instructor. The flight sergeant P.T.I. at Cosford, where I underwent my training, was future Luton goalkeeper Bernard Streten."

Billy was stationed at Bicester and his father wrote to Luton alerting them to the promising player virtually on their doorstep, with the result that he was invited for trials at Kenilworth Road in 1944.

"I had to point out that I was still tied to Bathgate Thistle," he added. "So Luton secretary Archie Wickson made a trip to Scotland to secure my release. Mel Daniel and myself made our debuts in a game against Clapton Orient and I was virtually ever-present in the Luton side for the next six years."

Straight after the War, Billy, known as 'Rabbit' by the Luton supporters, was regarded as just about the fastest winger in league football and tantalised many an international full-back. Although not a prolific goalscorer, he provided many an opportunity for the likes of Hugh Billington.

"I hold the honour of the first Luton player to achieve 100 league appearances after the War and I can still remember vividly most of

the game I played in.

"I still cannot understand how, with the same players, we almost achieved promotion one season and nearly got relegated the next."

Although Billy favoured the left wing, he could also play on the right which was just as well because player-manager Dally Duncan played on the left flank. It was a refusal to see eye-to-eye with Duncan that led to a transfer request, with the result that he went to Q.P.R. in the summer of 1950.

"I had three good seasons with Q.P.R., who were also in the Second Division, followed by two seasons at Bournemouth," he recalled. "I then went non-league with, in turn, Chelmsford, Bedford, Ashford and March Town, combined with a job as an insurance agent."

Billy then spent 30 years as general secretary for Electrolux Sports before retiring seven years ago. He is not particularly praising of today's professional game, ruing the passing of wingers. He also dislikes "spitting, kissing and gesticulating" shown by certain players.

Although still living in Luton, Billy rarely visits Kenilworth Road but instead prefers to watch Langford, where he is President of the Supporters' Club.



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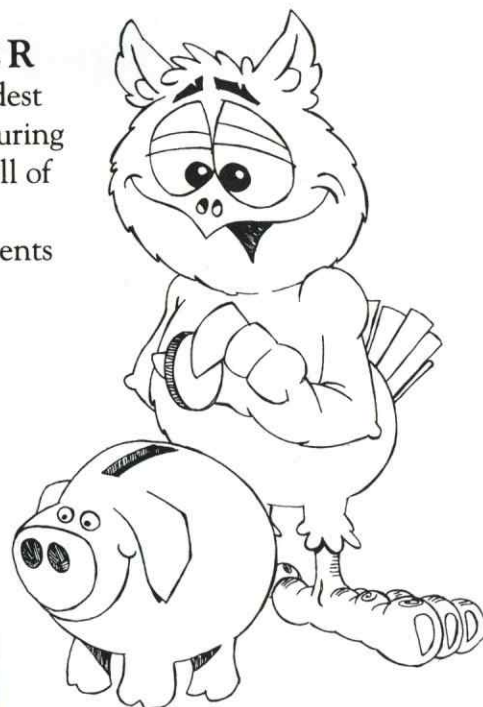
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Goal haul the talk of the Town



AROUND THE TOWN

SIX OF THE BEST

The Town's 6-2 thrashing of Stoke City a fortnight ago had many fans struggling to recall the last time six or more goals were scored by the Hatters. It occurred on October 3, 1989 when we put seven past Mansfield Town in the second round, second leg of the Littlewoods Cup. Lars Elstrup netted a hat-trick, while Roy Wegerle (2), John Dreyer and David Preece completed the rout.

Before the Stoke result, our most recent six goal tally in the league came against the Saints on January 2, 1989. We beat Southampton 6-1 with goals coming again from Wegerle (2), Mick Harford (2), Ricky Hill and Kingsley Black.

CAMPBELL FINDS A NICHE

What made our victory over the Potters all the more remarkable was the fact that the Town were without David Preece, Julian James, Marvin Johnson, Paul Telfer and John Dreyer. Reserve striker Jamie Campbell has filled in for Dreyer, who will still be suspended for today's match, and has impressed the manager.

"Despite his early slip against Stoke he has come through well," said Pleat. "We have been very concerned at how we would get by with Dreyer out, but I have been delighted with, and for Jamie." Campbell has struggled to establish himself in

the forward line this season, but believes he now has other options available. "I'm willing to play at centre-half," he said following the Stoke win. "It's just become my favourite position."

TUMBLE'S TOP

John Dreyer was named Division One's player-of-the-month for November in 'Shoot' magazine's 'full time' match facts service. His consistency was also noted in '90 Minutes', where he was recently featured in their team of the week.

IN THE TOP TEN

A recent survey conducted by the Endsleigh League has placed Luton Town eighth in Division One's table of most improved teams. The table compares points gained, after the same number of games, with last season. Taken prior to the Stoke fixture, we are four points up on last season, while Crystal Palace head the table with an improvement of 18 points.

ASSOCIATE SCHOOL- BOY SIGNING

Tommy Sneddon, an under-15 midfielder from Corby, has been signed by the club. He is a regular in the Northamptonshire County side and was also being closely monitored by Nottingham Forest. We wish him well.

PLEAT'S APOLOGIES!

Following the win against Stoke, manager David Pleat had to apologise to young goalkeeper Kelvin Davis, who had been on the bench that afternoon. "I promised him he could come on for the last few minutes if we were two or three goals ahead," said Pleat. "But in all the excitement, I forgot!"

BACK IN CONTENTION

As stated on page 28, David Preece is back playing again and could be in contention for a starting role this afternoon. Marvin Johnson and Julian James, who have been out of the side with hamstringing and hand injuries respectively, have both stepped up their training programmes and should be available for selection soon.

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Coaches for the trip to Peterborough will cost adults £5.50, children/OAP's £4.40 and will depart from Cranfield at 11.15 am and Luton at 12.15 pm. Coaches for the trip to Watford will cost adults £4.50 and children/OAP's £3.60. For times of this trip, please contact the Travel Club direct.

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You will also notice that we have a Tranmere Rovers mascot this afternoon. He is Christopher Hayes, aged 11, from Northwood in Middlesex. He is an ardent Tranmere fan and a member of the 'Prenton Pups' junior supporters club. His favourite player is John Aldridge.

Finally, as this is our last game at Kenilworth Road before Christmas, I would like to wish all our sponsors and supporters a very merry Christmas.

Box 1 - Kenning Car and Van Rental and their guests.

Box 2 - Christopher Smith celebrates his seventh birthday with family and friends.

Box 4 - Ben O'Donagan celebrates his 15th birthday with family and friends.

Box 5 - Lee Forrester joins his family and friends to celebrate his eighth birthday.

Box 7 - Mr Bright and guests from Abbots



"This makes a change from big, hairy legs" Andy McDade meets Joan McGovern a guest of Luton University, prior to the postponement of our match with Wolves last month.

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Box 28 - The Rotary Club of Luton Someries are entertaining 12 senior citizens of the town as a Christmas treat, with ages ranging between 70 and 90. The Someries Club was formed 12 months ago and this is the latest venture with the town's senior citizens that the club has been involved in. The Rotary Club would like to thank Luton Town for making the box available.



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