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# League campaign takes priority over excitement of the Cup

ON THE BALL WITH DAVID PLEAT



**A** warm welcome to Oxford United: their supporters, management and players. They are making steady progress in the league under Denis Smith and Malcolm Crosby and I am sure they will get the best out of their limited resources.

Oxford's path has been similar to ours: success in the League Cup, the backlash of promotion to the top flight and the selling of players like Ray Houghton and John Aldridge. Last Saturday, we were both involved in FA Cup ties against powerful opposition and both gained credit for our clubs.

Our home form recently has been impressive and it would be amiss of me not to thank all the supporters who gave us a rousing applause after the defeat of Derby County. This was no mean achievement on our difficult pitch. The early ball forward to runners Marco Gabbiadini and Tommy Johnson, supported by Paul Kitson and Mark Pembridge, was also going to be a threat. But we dominated in the first period, and Paul Telfer's goal on the stroke of half-time was fair reward.

I do not like singling out individuals, but Paul had a fine week with his performances against Notts County, Southend and Derby.

With Derby pushing forward in the second-half and scoring from a rare corner, we looked in trouble when Ceri Hughes received a second booking. Fortunately, our players showed great grit and Scott Oakes' goal will go down in his own 'Hall of Fame'.

The afternoon gave me rich satisfaction, particularly as we had to manoeuvre our resources when David Preece went down with illness shortly before the game. Jamie Campbell showed that his recent attachment

to the senior squad is beginning to pay dividends.

After a week without a game, we travelled to Newcastle in good heart, and our pleasure was not to capitulate in front of their marvellous crowd and fine touch play. Once again, the experience will have brought on the younger element, but it was a day when the 'old heads' of Trevor Peake, John Dreyer,

**"IT IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT TO OUR FUTURE STRUCTURE THAT WE SUSTAIN OUR STATUS AND BUILD ON OUR RECENT UNBEATEN RUN"**

Alan Harper, Preece and Kerry Dixon were vital to the nerves of the youngsters.

Tony Thorpe captured a few headlines with his outstanding strike, but those who have worked with him know his capabilities as an attacking midfielder.

The circumstances at the club have accelerated the projection of the youth and nothing would give me more pleasure than to parade a Luton side in the future, which has entirely come through the ranks. It would be unique.



John Dreyer goes agonisingly close to scoring at St James' Park last Saturday.

Everyone knows we have a mammoth task on Wednesday night against Newcastle, but we should go into the game with optimism.

Meanwhile it is far more important to our future structure that we sustain our status this season and build on our recent unbeaten run. Despite the injuries suffered at Newcastle, we must be determined to do just that.

Enjoy the game.

**PS**

Everyone in football was saddened by the death of Sir Matt Busby. I met him several times and despite all his achievements, he was a man of great humility. I would like to thank every supporter who marked that respect so reverently during the minute's silence against Derby.



# Donation boosts our community programme

COMMUNITY MATTERS WITH GARY HOOPER



**A**t a presentation held at the club on Friday, January 21, in the presence of Graham Bright MP for Luton South, the Town's 'Football in the Community' scheme received a cheque for £5,000 from Gavin Bisdee of 'Sportmatch', a government-backed company whose objective is to develop sport at grass roots level.

Football in the Community at Kenilworth Road has grown considerably since its formation last season and has helped bring the community and the football club closer together. A number of projects have proved a resounding success, such as the restructuring of the Junior Hatters supporters club, the Learning Through Football scheme and regular visits to local schools.

As Community Liaison Officer Gary Hooper points out, the money donated by Sportmatch will be gratefully received. "This very generous gesture will help our community programme develop even further as we start a new year," he said.

"For example, at present we visit about 7,500 children in the local area to teach them the skills of football and associate them with Luton Town FC. With this cash injection, we will be able to expand this operation further afield and visit 15,000 children because we can buy more equipment and employ a greater number of football coaches.

"We will also be able to increase the number of projects we currently have in operation which will ensure that Luton Town and the local community will form an even closer bond."

Sportmatch achieves its objectives by handing sports clubs up and down the country, the incentive to attract sponsorship. Sportmatch receives a substantial budget at present from the Department of National Heritage, which means that if a sports club or project attracts a new sponsorship deal, the sum raised will be matched (ranging from £1,000 to £75,000).

The donation to the LTFC Football in

the Community scheme was made in recognition of Kenning Car and Van Rental's continued support of the Hatters' community programme. They supply the project with a van, emblazoned in Luton Town colours, to help Mr Hooper reach the local community. As Mr Hooper points out, their support has been instrumental in attracting the Sportmatch donation. "Without their backing, the donation could not have happened," he stated. "I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ray Mulford and everyone connected with Kenning Car and Van Rental for continuing their sponsorship into 1994. Their help is a great bonus for the continued success of our community programme."

Since its formation in November 1992, Sportmatch has donated 500 awards and has generated £8 million in sponsorship. Luton Town are the latest benefactors in a long line of sports clubs. As scheme manager Charles Langhorne explains. "It is the first time we have been associated with Luton Town, however, it is not the first time we have helped the town of Luton. In the past we have also provided much-needed funds to Luton Basketball Club. On the football front, other clubs we have supported include St Neots FC, Crystal Palace FC and the national Football in the Community/Pizza Hut scheme.

"From football and golf to hang-gliding and bobsleigh, we have seen the benefits up and down the country. I am hoping the £5,000 presented today will further the development of Luton Town's community programme and help establish it as one of the leading community lights within football."



Gary is presented with the cheque for £5,000 by Gavin Bisdee and Graham Bright MP (centre), in the company of Ray Mulford (left) and Richard Finney, the regional director of Football in the Community.

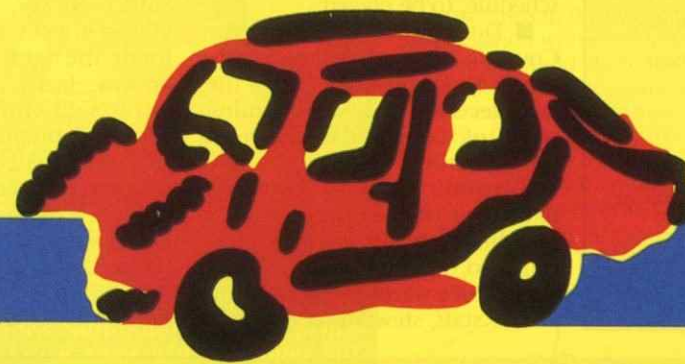


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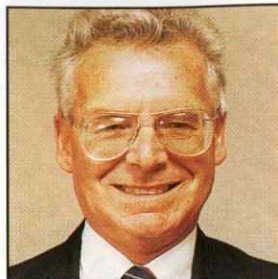
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# Millwall home date re-arranged



ON THE INSIDE BY JOHN SMYLIE

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■ I can now confirm that our postponed Endsleigh League Division One match with Millwall has been re-arranged and will be played on Tuesday, February 15, 1994, kick-off 7.45 pm. Our only other postponed game at Kenilworth Road, against Wolverhampton Wanderers, has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, kick-off again will be at 7.45 pm.

■ The youth team's Eastern Junior Cup match with East Thurrock has been arranged for Monday, February 7. The venue is East Thurrock and kicks-off at 7.30 pm. The competition's management committee have insisted that a result must be obtained on the night to enable the next round, which is now way behind schedule, to be played.

■ During the visit of Derby County, our last league opponents at Kenilworth Road, the club received a heart warming word of congratulations from the Derby manager Roy McFarland. He said that the fixture at Kenilworth Road is one his club always looks forward to, for they are always assured of a warm reception from all our staff, stewards (executive,

ground and car parks) and spectators. He said they are the best in the league. Pleasing words indeed, and I would like to take this opportunity to say 'thank you' to all our match day staff and stewards and keep up the good work! Whilst we may not be aware of it, people do monitor our performances and a smile and good manners carry no cost and will never go amiss.

■ Much has been written about and comment made regarding the club's decision to accept an allocation of 750 tickets for last Saturday's FA Cup fourth round tie at Newcastle United, and I do not propose at this time to enter into a lengthy article on the 'pros and cons'. Suffice to say, I am still convinced the decision taken was, for us, the right one and with the known facts, we would not have sold the higher figure allocated. Interestingly, once the announcement had been made that we were to beam back the live game to our suites at Kenilworth Road, a number of those who had bought tickets to travel then returned them, wishing to view at the club instead!

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# Cup excitement put to the back of our minds



CAPTAIN'S COLUMN BY TREVOR PEAKE

**T**oday's game gives us a chance to build on our recent good league form after our impressive FA Cup exploits at Newcastle last Saturday.

Not many people outside of Kenilworth Road gave us a chance at St James' Park, but as the game progressed, it was clear that we were not going to give in lightly. The FA Cup is a great leveller, and we matched Newcastle in every department. Tony Thorpe's marvellous goal settled us down, silenced the crowd, and we went on to enjoy the whole afternoon.

It was disappointing to concede that rather inconclusive penalty, but we were satisfied with the draw and judging by the crowd that followed us up to the game, they enjoyed it too. The coach trip back home was a long one for us, but after a

result like that, you make sure you enjoy yourselves!

The reporters after the game were asking 'Tony who?', but I'm sure they will read more reports about him in the future. There can't be many more difficult places to make your full debut than St James' Park, but he coped admirably and I'm sure he will have learnt a lot from the experience.

Eight games without defeat is a great way to enter a new year. However, today's opponents Oxford have been in similar form. They will also be on a high after drawing against Leeds United last Saturday, so we are in for a tough afternoon. We must remember that the league campaign is our 'bread and butter', so all thoughts of facing Newcastle on Wednesday will go out of our minds. Cup runs are a nice bonus, but it is essential that we make progress in the league to spare ourselves from the relegation worries of last season.

Finally, I would like to thank the supporters who made the trek up to Tyneside. Your support was appreciated and it did not go unnoticed by the players. I also heard that the 'beam-back' to Kenilworth Road was a great success and that everyone enjoyed themselves.

Let's have more of the same this afternoon!



Trevor and our mascot James Stevens meet up with Mr Blobby, Derby's Martin Kuhl and the match officials, prior to our game with the Rams last month.

*Enjoy the game.*



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# Veteran strikers and Irish World Cup dreams

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NEWS ON ONE BY TIM COLLINGS

**V**eteran strikers and vintage wine have more in common than jokes suggesting that they are past their sell-by dates. Both can mature with age to provide increased levels of pleasure and performance. Indeed, sometimes, their best seasons come after their best years are deemed to be passed...

Take Peter Beardsley, for example. Discarded by Liverpool and England, this 32-year-old is proving at Newcastle that he still has much to offer. Or Ian Rush. Also 32, he is still scoring regularly for Liverpool. Or Lee Chapman, nearly 35 now, but doing the business for West Ham.

In our own league, we have some special men too. The best example is John Aldridge. Painfully, he proved that here in December when he poached Tranmere Rovers' winner with a perfect example of the finisher's arts: smooth control, a tidy turn, all-in-one movement and the ball is in the net.

Tranmere's manager John King said Aldridge "took his goal like a surgeon." Aldridge is 35 and probably on his way to the World Cup finals with the Republic of Ireland. In the United States, he could be partnered in attack by almost anyone, if you believe everything you read.

The injury which has taken Niall Quinn out of action has opened up an extraordinary chase for the vacancy and one of the favourites before Christmas was our own Kerry Dixon. And, yes, that was in spite of Kerry playing eight times for England in the mid-1980's when he was banging them in for Chelsea.

Kerry's experience and talent and his exceptional form this season have made him one of the Endsleigh League Division One's top strikers and a leading member of the over-30's club. At 32, he is three years younger than Aldridge and has shown his relative youth in the manner he has led the otherwise inexperienced Luton forward line.

"It came out of the blue," said Kerry, of his chance to join Jack Charlton's army. "I was told

by some friends that there was speculation in the papers and then the lads started latching on to it. There were plenty of 'Paddy' type-jokes and so on."

Kerry's unexpected Irish connection comes from his father Mike who played for the Town in the late 1950's and it delighted him and his family and friends, whose minds drifted towards USA '94. However, his eight-minute appearance as a substitute for England against Poland in the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico appears to have wrecked his hopes.

He may, however, go to America to support the Irish team anyway, in the process no doubt appreciating the skills and finishing instincts of Aldridge and the rest.

"He doesn't believe in age," said Mr King of the ex-Oxford, Liverpool and Real Madrid striker. "It doesn't mean anything to him at all."

"He just goes on and on. He thinks age is something that is only recorded to go on tombstones. That's the way he thinks and he still trains and plays as a youngster. You know, when the ball comes in the box he reacts.....If he was a shark he would have your legs off!"

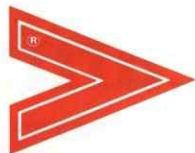
Down the years, there have always been golden oldies, strikers whose scoring skills carried them on and on into their mid and late 30's. Remember Bob Hatton and Lawrie Sheffield? And Paul Walsh is still turning on the style for Pompey, isn't he? Like hired guns in the old wild west, they had a boots-and-goals attitude to life and proved, like the vintage strikers of 1994, that age is no barrier to success.



John Aldridge - age is no barrier to him.



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# Fans' Forum



## ARTICLE BRINGS BACK THE MEMORIES

Dear Sir,  
I was very interested to read the article by Roger Wash in the Tranmere Rovers programme.

Having started an apprenticeship and actually had money of my own, I decided that Lincoln City would be my first-ever Luton away game. To be able to fund watching Luton, I worked overtime from 6.00 am until 10.00 am before making for Bedford St Johns station for the Cambridge train. A change at Cambridge to the Peterborough train and then onto Lincoln. The arrival at Sincil Bank at about 1.15 pm saw the added bonus of a reserve match being played on their second pitch.

After the end of that game, a move into the Sincil Bank stand was made as I waited for the quality fare of bottom of Division Four versus second from bottom. Certainly from the stand chat, I appeared to be the only Luton supporter and I am not convinced there were any on the terraces either.

The match starts and it is not long before a Bruce Rioch thunderbolt from about 25 yards had put Luton in front, what a wonderful start to your first away match! Then it all went wrong and we proceeded to let in eight goals. In a total state of shock I started the long and lonely journey home. My abiding memory was that on changing train at Peterborough, I had to go and buy an evening paper to check the football results to see that Luton really had lost 8-1. Unfortunately they had!

Ron Hedley, 11 Old Kiln Road,  
Tylers Green, High Wycombe, Bucks.

(Ed's note: Interesting recollections of all our games are always welcome).

## THANKS FOR A LITTLE SHELTER

Dear Sir,

Would you please be so kind as to pass on my sincere thanks to the crowd control gentlemen who were on duty in the little hut outside the main entrance in Kenilworth Road. I called into see them at the start of the match asking if I could shelter for a while as my arrangements to meet my son had gone wrong. I was on my own (without a ticket or money!) and at a loose end until the match ended. If you remember, the weather was not at its best - extremely cold and wet - and your people showed great kindness and courtesy.

We have always found LTFC staff most efficient and helpful, but last night I appreciated more than ever the help of your (four, I think) stewards on duty.

Mrs Phyllis Deeley, 14 Wellpond Close,  
Sharnbrook, Beds MK44 1PL.

## LUCKY MASCOT

Dear Sir,  
I would like to thank Luton Town for letting me be the mascot for the Grimsby game. It was a good evening because Luton won and it was a good match. I enjoyed meeting the players and I liked the new kit the club gave me.

Good luck for the rest of the season.

Christopher Holland, Junior Hatters Membership  
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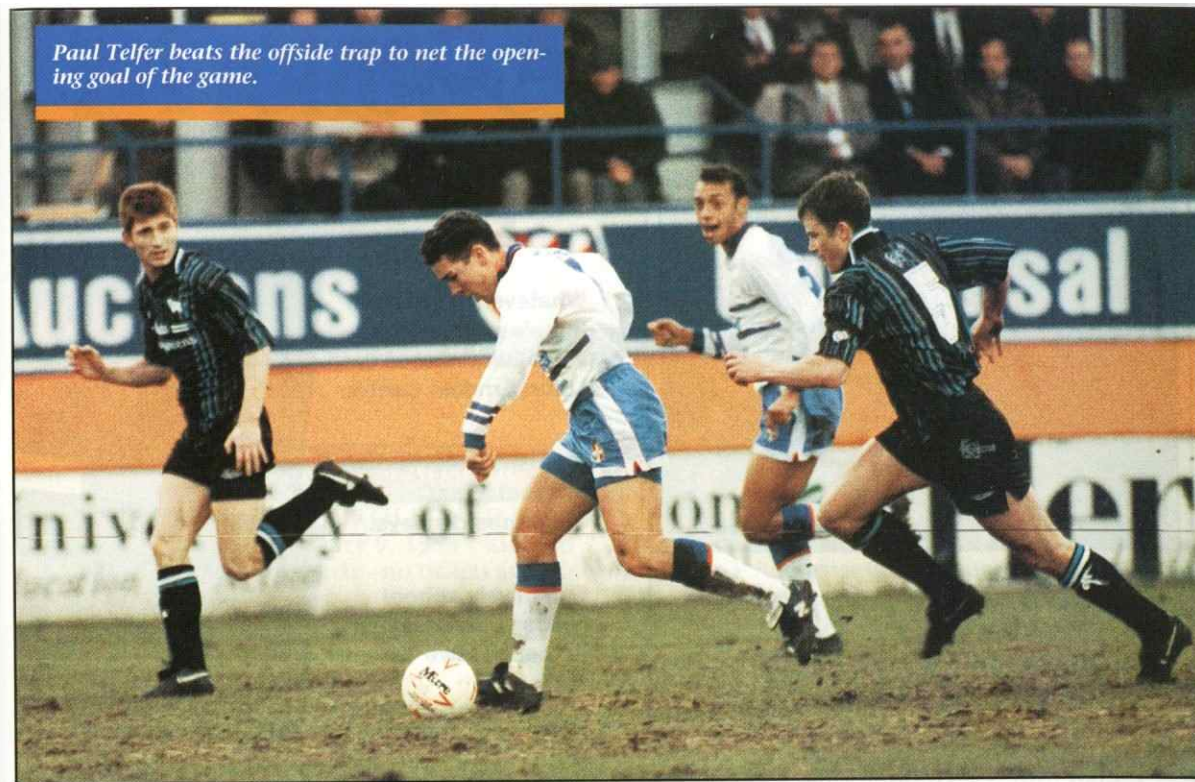
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*Scott Oakes, on the edge of the box, powers home the 'goal of the season' after a 50-yard run which saw him take on eight Derby players.*



*Paul Telfer beats the offside trap to net the opening goal of the game.*



*Julian James holds off the attention of Derby's Marco Gabbiadini.*





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**BY CHERRY NEWBERY**

## Luton Town v Newcastle United

**F.A. CUP FOURTH ROUND REPLAY**

**Wednesday, February 9, 1994 - Kick-off 7.45 pm**

This is an all ticket match – no tickets available on the day of the match.

Tickets are now on sale.

Guest tickets are available until Tuesday February 8 at 7.00pm (subject to availability).

## Leicester City v Luton Town

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**Saturday, February 12, 1994 - Kick-off 3.00 pm**

Seats cost £10.00 (no concessions). Seating tickets are available from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road until 5.00 pm on Friday, February 11 and also on the day at Filbert Street.

## Luton Town v Millwall

**ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE**

**Tuesday, February 15, 1994 - Kick-off 7.45 pm**

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

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**Saturday, February 19, 1994 - Kick-off 3.00 pm**

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Directions courtesy of the Automobile Association.



# Spotlight on today's visitors



**OXFORD UNITED F.C. 1993-94**

■ Oxford United visit Kenilworth Road this afternoon in upbeat mood after a spell which has mirrored that of the Hatters. At the time of writing, the U's are lying in 22nd place in the First Division table, but have been heartened by an unbeaten run which now stretches to six games. During this period, Denis Smith's men have beaten Southend United at home 2-1, and have taken the very creditable scalp of Tranmere Rovers (2-0) in the FA Cup, third round, along with a 2-2 draw with Leeds United in round four.

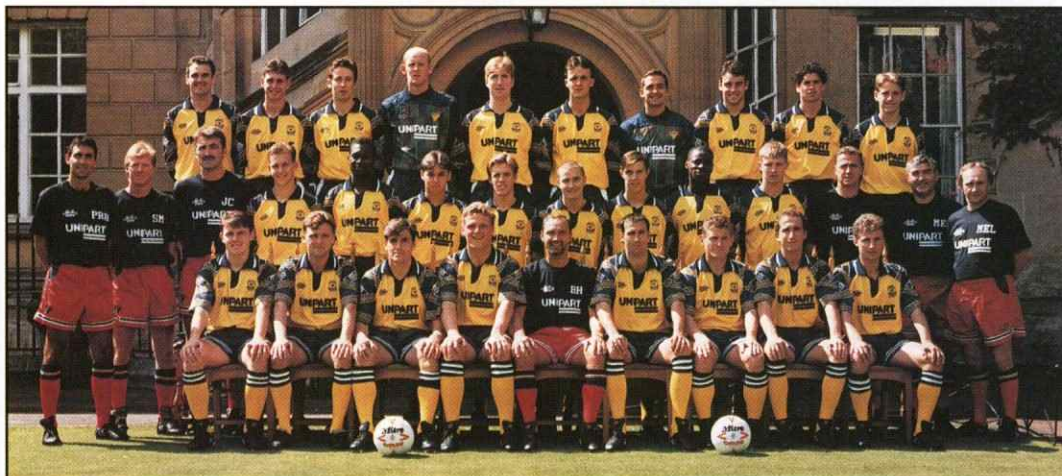
■ United continue to battle against the odds and now have a team assembled who are hardened by the experiences of last season, when they fought off relegation in impressive fashion. Winning four of their last seven matches they climbed to mid-table respectability after looking, for long periods, as if they would find themselves in a battle until the final game of the season.

■ This season the Manor Ground faithful were looking for a major improvement and following a 3-2 defeat of Portsmouth on the opening day of the season, they had reason to be optimistic. However, three consecutive defeats followed against West Bromwich Albion (1-3), Watford (2-3) and Bolton Wanderers (0-1) and the side soon found themselves back at the wrong end of the table. The announcement of Brian Horton's resignation in September only disrupted

matters and it has taken until only recently, for the new management duo of Denis Smith and his former assistant at Sunderland, Malcolm Crosby, to stabilise the situation and consolidate.

■ As Mr Smith points out, the reason for the improved results is simple: "We haven't had many changes forced on us and a settled side has helped everyone's confidence. All the players now understand the system we play and I believe that we are heading in the right direction." With such a tight league this season, the teams at the bottom of Division One can compete on an equal footing and catch those at the top. That is Mr Smith's aim as we enter the final third of the season. "A play-off place is a realistic aim for any of the lower placed teams, if they put a run together. There is not much difference between top and bottom this season and no results seem to shock you."

■ Oxford United entered the Football League in 1962, losing their first game 3-2 at Barrow. Since that time the club have won the Division Two championship in 1985, the Third Division title in 1968 and 1984, and the League (Milk) Cup in 1986. They were formed in 1893 as Headington, adding 'United' a year later. Famous players to have learned their trade at the Manor Ground include Ron Atkinson, Ray Houghton, Dean Saunders and John Aldridge.



Back row (left to right): David Collins, Matthew Murphy, Nick Cusack, Paul Kee, Anton Rogan, Darren Jackson, Paul Reece, Paul Wanless, Mark Druce, Steve Tavinor.  
Middle row (left to right): Peter Rhoades Brown (Football in the Community Officer), Steve McLaren (reserve/youth coach), John Clinkard (physio), Keith Holmes, Alex Dyer, Tristan Didcock, Robert Mitchell, Matthew Keeble, Robert Ford, Chris Allen, Andrew Wallbridge, David Moss (former first-team coach), Maurice Evans (general manager), Malcolm Elias (youth development officer).  
Front row (left to right): Joey Beauchamp, David Penney, Les Robinson, Jim Magilton, Brian Horton (former manager), Mike Ford, Mickey Lewis, Jon Narbett, Garry Smart.

## VISITORS ON PARADE

**PHILIP WHITEHEAD** (goalkeeper) - A recent signing from Barnsley, Philip started his career at Halifax, making his debut in 1986. He joined the Tykes for £60,000 in 1990 and has also represented Scunthorpe, Bradford City and Stockport County on loan.

**MIKE FORD** (defender) - Mike joined Oxford United for £150,000 in 1988 from Cardiff City. He was released from Leicester City as a youngster before joining Cardiff in 1985, where he made over 162 appearances. Injuries have cut short his appearances at United, but last season he enjoyed his best run in the side and was voted Player-of-the-Year.

**LES ROBINSON** (defender) - Les was signed from Doncaster Rovers for £150,000 in 1990. He started his career at Mansfield Town in 1986 before moving to Stockport County a year later. He joined Doncaster for £10,000 in April 1988.

**MATTHEW ELLIOTT** (defender) - Matthew came into the game from non-league Epsom and Ewell and joined Charlton Athletic following a successful trial period. He joined Torquay United for a small fee in 1989 and helped the Gulls to promotion in 1990-91. Scunthorpe United signed Matthew last season, before he was on the move again in November, to Oxford.

**ANTON ROGAN** (defender) - Anton joined Oxford at the start of the season in a deal which took Andrew Melville to Sunderland. He started his career at Celtic and was a regular member of the side for four seasons until his transfer to Roker Park, for £350,00 in 1991. During his time at Celtic, Anton won two Scottish FA Cup winners' medals and a league championship medal in 1988.

**MICKY LEWIS** (midfield) - Mickey started his career with West Bromwich Albion before joining Derby County for £25,000. Forty-nine appearances later he was on the move again to Oxford United, where he made his debut in December 1988. Mickey is a former England youth international.

**JIM MAGILTON** (midfield) - A £125,000 signing from Liverpool in October 1990, Jim is a 23-year-old goalscoring midfielder. He has established himself as an international regular with Northern Ireland since making a goalscoring debut against Poland in 1990. He scored ten goals in 1990/1991, 14 in 1991/1992, and 13 last season to make him top scorer again.

**DAVID PENNEY** (midfield) - David is a versatile player who can also operate in defence or in attack. He started his career with Derby County before joining Oxford for £175,000 in 1989. He has since been in and out of the side since his arrival at the Manor Ground, and has spent recent weeks on the substitutes' bench.

**JOEY BEAUCHAMP** (midfield) - Oxford born, Joey signed professional forms with his local club in 1989. He did not gain a regular place in the side until the 1991/1992 season, following a six-game loan spell at Swansea. Since his return from the Vetch Field he has hardly missed a game, scored some spectacular goals and has grabbed the attention of a number of Premiership clubs.

**CHRIS ALLEN** (midfield) - A former YTS trainee, Chris made his league debut in February 1992. A consistent scorer in the reserve and youth teams at the Manor, he has established himself in the first-team this season and has been a creator of many goals this season.

**NICK CUSACK** (forward) - Much-travelled Nick joined United in July 1992 from Darlington for a fee of £95,000. He started his career at Leicester in 1987, before moving to Peterborough and then Motherwell the following season. He spent two seasons in Glasgow before joining Darlington in January 1992.

**JOHN BYRNE** (forward) - John linked up with manager Denis Smith for the third time when he signed for Oxford in November, from Millwall. United are John's seventh club since making his debut for York City in 1979. A Republic of Ireland international, he has twice played in Wembley cup finals, for QPR (Milk Cup v Oxford) in 1986 and Sunderland (FA Cup v Liverpool) in 1990. Unfortunately, John was on the losing side on both occasions.

**ALEX DYER** (forward) - A free transfer signing from Charlton during the summer, Alex started his career at Watford. Unable to break into the first-team, he joined Blackpool, making his debut in 1983. He was a regular for three seasons until Brian Horton signed him for Hull City, for £40,000. In 1988 he joined Crystal Palace for £250,000 but injury hindered his progress and he found himself on his way to Charlton for £100,000 in 1990.

## MEET THE BOSS

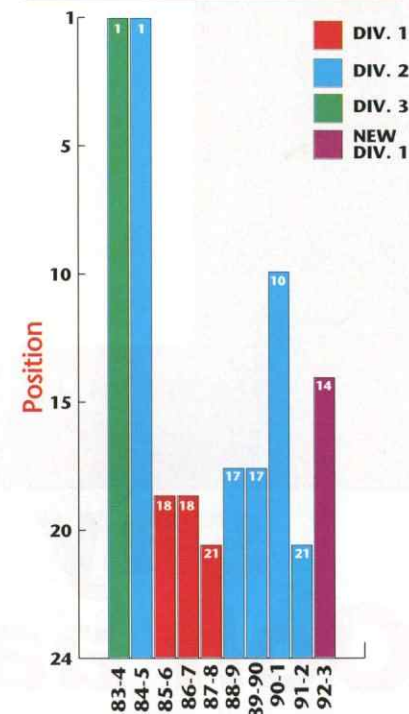


**D**enis Smith played more than 450 games, most of them at centre-half, for his home-town club Stoke City. During his time there, he helped them win the League Cup at Wembley in 1972.

Following a brief loan spell at York City in 1982, he was appointed player/manager at Bootham Crescent and the club finished Fourth Division champions in his first full season in management. Such form promoted his name into the spotlight and three years later he joined Sunderland. His magic worked again, as he led the Rokerites to the Division Three championship and in 1989/90 led the side to the Second Division play-offs. Although his side lost to Swindon, the Robins' involvement in financial irregularities meant that Sunderland gained promotion to Division One.

Unfortunately, the side were relegated back to Division Two the following season and, ironically, after a 3-0 defeat at Oxford, Mr Smith was sacked. He was soon appointed as Bristol City boss, but could not revive their fortunes, and he found himself out of a job again, until he took over as Oxford manager in September 1993, following Brian Horton's departure to Manchester City.

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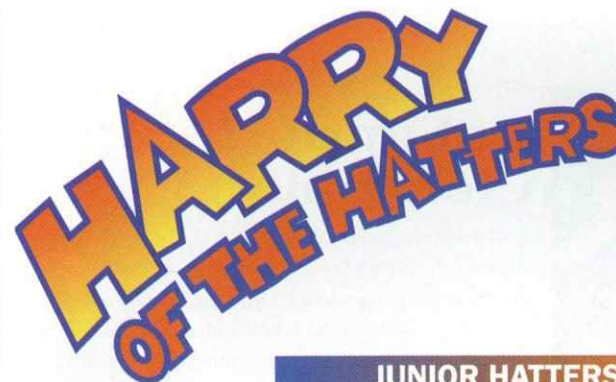
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## JUNIOR HATTERS

**I would like to welcome the players, officials and supporters of Oxford United to Kenilworth Road and I hope you enjoy your short stay with us this afternoon. Looking back at the past couple of weeks, it has been an exciting time for Junior Hatters, both on and off the pitch.**

First of all we had that exciting 2-1 win against Derby County here at Kenilworth Road a fortnight ago. I bet you haven't seen a better goal than the one Scott Oakes scored for our winner. Wasn't it a cracker!?

I hope you liked the antics of Mr Blobby prior to that game against Derby and again at half-time. The nation's top television personality and number one pop star really brightened up the afternoon and I hope you managed to meet him personally and get his autograph.

I would like to express my thanks to all the staff at Luton Town for their involvement in Mr

Blobby's special party after the game. The children, players and staff who attended thought it was a great success and I hope we will be able to arrange similar parties in the future.

Finally, last Wednesday, we had the first of our family nights at Pizza Hut, Dunstable. Everyone had a great time and those present had the chance to meet members of the Town's first-team squad. Remember, this event takes place every Wednesday night, so come along!

*Regards, Harry.*

## MATCH DAY MASCOT



**Name:** Marvin Green  
**Date of Birth:** 16.5.85  
**School attended:** Scott Lower School, Bedford  
**Hobbies:** Football, karate and most sports  
**Favourite Luton player:** Scott Oakes

**Who accompanies you to Luton matches:** My dad and my brother

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## JUNIOR HATTERS TRAVEL

Travel arrangements for the away games at Leicester City and Bristol City are as follows:

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Arrive home approximately 6.30 pm

**19.2.94 Bristol City** - depart Kenilworth Road forecourt: 11.30 am

Arrive home approximately 7.30 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 can be made via the Ticket Office up to four days prior to the match.

## JUNIOR HATTERS' BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

February 1 - February 15: Kathryn McNeerney, Joshua Cook, Kieran Monger, Daniel Edmonds, Gary Lewis, Nicholas Soper, Leigh Mooring, Christopher Chaplen, Daniel Collier, Kayleigh Miller, Matthew Brown, Nicholas Nolan, Natasha Lake, Joel McBrearty, Christopher Coward, Stephen Lee, Wade Stanton, Colin Bacchus, Marcus Levens, Marco Ciuffini, Liza Watkins, Carl Cashman, Christopher Moret, John Hobbs, Greg Roberts, Nicholas Shane, Gavin Fordham, Russell Moroney, Paul Parker, Lee Daglish, Helalur Rahman, Adam Lee, Claire Elliott, Alan Laver, David Kendell, James Rourke, Michael Bolton, Stephen Thomson, Ben Potter, Gary Fry, Lee Woolard, Mark Curry, Robert Lindsay, James Viola, Daniel Viola, Colin Adamson, Jonathan Gaskin, Graham Southey, Lee Ansell, Craig Baldwin, Daniel Gardiner, Barry Neal, Kieran Jellis, Dean Langton, James Peterson, Louise Bacchus, Carl Nield, Mark Jones, Karl Boenke, Nicolas Gilbert, Neil Farley. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!**



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## Balance falls in the Hatters' favour

Our most recent encounters against Oxford United have been happy ones. Back in October, we recorded our first away win of the season, with a 1-0 victory at the Manor Ground. Ceri Hughes (above left) scored the all-important goal, his first in ten months. "We were determined not to lose," said Town manager David Pleat. "Sometimes you shut your eyes, enjoy the result and forget the quality of the performance."

The corresponding fixture at Kenilworth Road was a more one-sided affair with the Town running out 3-1 winners in front of a crowd of 6,687. Scott Oakes, Phil Gray and David Preece (below left) scored the goals which gave the Town some breathing space above the relegation zone. A similar scoreline with three more points will be welcome again today!



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## Neville Ovenden Football Combination Season 1993-94

Wed	18 Aug	West Ham United	4-1
Wed	25 Aug	Queens Park Rangers	4-2
Wed	1 Sept	Watford	5-1
Wed	8 Sept	Wimbledon	1-1
Thu	16 Sept	Norwich City	2-3
Wed	22 Sept	Tottenham Hotspur	1-2
Mon	27 Sept	Langford (BPC)	2-1
Wed	29 Sept	Oxford United	4-3
Wed	6 Oct	Portsmouth	4-2
Wed	13 Oct	Swindon Town	2-1
Tue	19 Oct	Watford	2-4
Wed	27 Oct	Southampton	1-3
Mon	1 Nov	Queens Park Rangers	1-3
Wed	10 Nov	Southampton	1-1
Wed	17 Nov	Arsenal	1-1
Wed	24 Nov	Portsmouth	0-1
Wed	29 Nov	Oxford United	0-4
Fri	3 Dec	Crystal Palace	0-1
Mon	6 Dec	Stotfold (BPC2)	1-0
Tue	14 Dec	Arsenal	3-2
Fri	17 Dec	Norwich City	1-4
Mon	17 Jan	Barton Rovers (BPC3)	1-0
Wed	19 Jan	Bristol Rovers	1-0
Mon	24 Jan	Chelsea	1-5
Wed	2 Feb	Ipswich Town	2-2
Wed	9 Feb	Brighton & Hove Albion	
Wed	16 Feb	Chelsea	
Mon	21 Feb	Millwall	
Wed	2 Mar	Brighton & Hove Albion	
Tue	8 Mar	West Ham United	
Wed	16 Mar	Bristol Rovers	
Wed	23 Mar	Millwall	
Mon	28 Mar	Charlton Athletic	
Tue	5 Apr	Crystal Palace	
Tue	12 Apr	Bristol City	
Mon	18 Apr	Swindon Town	
Sat	23 Apr	Tottenham Hotspur	
Mon	2 May	Bristol City	
Wed	4 May	Charlton Athletic	

T.B.A. Wimbledon and Ipswich Town (both away).

## Neville Ovenden Football Combination League Table (up to and including 22.1.94)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	20	14	4	2	44	17	46
Norwich City	21	9	7	5	38	29	34
Millwall	21	9	5	7	36	31	32
Southampton	20	8	6	6	30	32	30
Tottenham H	18	8	5	5	36	22	29
Oxford United	21	7	6	8	36	34	27
<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>27</b>
Swindon Town	16	8	1	7	22	20	25
Arsenal	20	7	4	9	36	38	25
West Ham United	16	6	6	4	25	19	24
Crystal Palace	20	6	6	8	25	27	24
Ipswich Town	17	7	3	7	28	30	24
Wimbledon	19	5	9	5	23	26	24
Q.P.R.	18	7	3	8	26	30	24
Bristol Rovers	19	5	8	6	23	27	23
Brighton & H.A.	17	5	7	5	19	16	22
Portsmouth	20	4	7	9	21	32	19
Bristol City	17	5	3	9	18	38	18
Charlton Athletic	13	4	2	7	14	17	14
Watford	17	3	5	9	25	38	14

# RESERVES

## OPENING WIN AT BOREHAMWOOD

Luton Town 1  
Bristol Rovers 0  
Neville Ovenden Football  
Combination, 19.1.94.

The Town celebrated their first game at Borehamwood FC with victory, thanks to a first-half goal from Jamie Campbell. He headed home a cross by Tony Thorpe, and John Moore, who witnessed the game, was pleased with the lads. "They did very well, considering the side we put out was very young," he said. "Bristol's experience started to show in the second-half, but we remained solid in all areas and deserved the win."

**Team:** Petterson, Philp, McLaren, Thorpe, Simpson, Greene, Williams, Campbell 1, Hartson, Aunger, Houghton. Subs: Woodsford, Ryan.



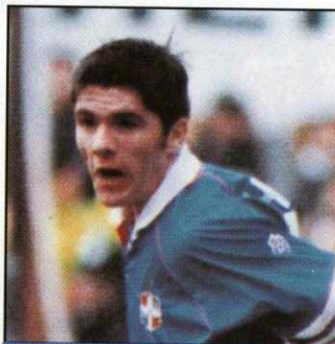
Jamie Campbell's form for the reserves has put him in first-team contention

## FORTUNES TAKE A DOWNWARD TURN

Chelsea 5 Luton Town 1  
Neville Ovenden Football  
Combination, 24.1.94

The Town suffered heavily at the hands of league leaders Chelsea who are, by far, the strongest team in the division this season. With the side Chelsea fielded, the relatively inexperienced Hatters were always going to struggle. "Chelsea's team was packed with players who have played for the first team this season. They included the likes of Hitchcock, Donaghy, Fleck, Hall, Lee and Spencer and looked very formidable," said Moore. "However, we were disappointed with the goals we did concede."

**Team:** Petterson, Ryan, McLaren, Philp, Greene, Williams, Thorpe 1, Campbell, Aunger, Hartson, Houghton. Subs: Gentle, Simpson.



...likewise Tony Thorpe

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# YOUTH

BY WAYNE TURNER  
AND TERRY WESTLEY

## A NEW YEAR AND ANOTHER WIN

Luton Town 2 Reading 1  
South East Counties League  
Division Two, 1.1.94.

The Town begun 1994 as they had finished 1993, with a victory which kept them at the top of the South East Counties table. It left Terry Westley delighted with the way they responded after the Christmas break. "The players responded very well after the holiday period and I was very pleased with way things went," he said. "We were strong and defended very well. I was also pleased with our distribution in all areas."

**Team:** Davis, Chenery, Palmer, Woolgar, Simpson,



Jamie Woodsford...on target against Reading.



*Injury update: Neil Butler is recovering after sustaining injury and is soon to start training*

McLaren, Wilmott, Power, Campbell, Woodsford 1, Gibb 1. Subs: Butler, Jones.

## 'RUSTY' YOUNGSTERS COLLAPSE AFTER PROLONGED BREAK

Luton Town 1  
Brighton and  
Hove Albion 4  
South East Counties  
League Division Two,  
22.1.94

Terry Westley's side came dramatically down to earth with this heavy defeat at Luton Rugby Club. However, Terry had quite a good reason for the score-line. "We hadn't played a competitive game for three weeks and were rusty," he said. "We went three down in 10 minutes and there was no way back. We made bad errors and defended very poorly. With eight players below par there was no way back. We had a good word with the lads at half-time and told them to play like they can. It worked, and we won the second-half by a goal to nil."

**Team:** Davis, Chenery, Palmer, Woolgar, Simpson, McLaren, Wilmott, Power, Campbell, Woodsford, Gibb. Subs: Jones 1, Jukes.

## South East Counties League Division Two Season 1993-94

Sat 14 Aug	Swindon Town	1-1
Sat 21 Aug	Crystal Palace	1-1
Sat 28 Aug	Reading	1-2
Sat 4 Sept	Wimbledon	1-0
Sat 11 Sept	Tottenham Hotspur	0-1
Wed 15 Sept	West Ham United (SJFC1)	1-1
Sat 18 Sept	Charlton Athletic (SECLC1)	3-1
Sat 25 Sept	Brighton & Hove Albion	2-3
Sat 2 Oct	Oxford United	1-1
Mon 11 Oct	West Ham United (SFJCT1R)	3-1
Sat 16 Oct	Brentford	1-1
Sat 23 Oct	Chelsea (SECLC2)	2-5
Tue 26 Oct	Derby County (FAYC1)	1-1
Sat 30 Oct	Bournemouth	2-1
Thu 4 Nov	Cambridge City (EJC1)	4-1
Sat 6 Nov	Southampton	
Sat 13 Nov	Colchester United	5-3
Tue 16 Nov	Derby County (FAYC1R)	1-1
Sat 20 Nov	Bristol Rovers	1-0
Tue 23 Nov	Arsenal (SJFC2)	1-2
Wed 1 Dec	Derby County (FAYC1, 2R)	0-1
Sat 4 Dec	Bristol Rovers	0-5
Sat 11 Dec	Swindon Town	2-0
Sat 18 Dec	Crystal Palace	2-1
Sat 1 Jan	Reading	2-1
Sat 22 Jan	Brighton & Hove Albion	1-4
Sat 29 Jan	Oxford United	1-4
Sat 5 Feb	Bristol City	
Mon 7 Feb	East Thurrock (EJC2)	
Sat 12 Feb	Brentford	
Sat 19 Feb	Bournemouth	
Sat 26 Feb	Southampton	
Sat 5 Mar	Colchester United	

T.B.A. Bristol City, Wimbledon, Tottenham (all away)

## South East Counties League Division Two Table (up to and including 22.1.94)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wimbledon	17	10	0	7	44	32	20
Crystal Palace	16	8	4	4	28	21	20
<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>20</b>
Brentford	17	7	5	5	23	18	19
Oxford United	15	7	4	4	30	20	18
Reading	15	7	4	4	27	22	18
Swindon Town	15	7	3	5	31	20	17
Brighton & H.A.	17	6	3	8	29	31	15
Colchester United	19	6	4	9	27	40	16
Bournemouth	17	7	1	9	29	31	15
Bristol Rovers	17	6	3	8	29	31	15
Tottenham Hotspur	16	7	1	8	24	32	15
Southampton	16	5	4	7	18	19	14
Bristol City	16	3	3	10	18	32	9



# Scott's golden goal has Kenilworth Road buzzing



## PLAYER INTERVIEW

**P**icture the scene: Kenilworth Road on a cold and windy January afternoon. An unlikely setting for goal of the season, but that is just what happened on January 22, and everyone inside the stadium will vouch for that.

Scott Oakes scored the goal in question, a strike which had many harping back to the First Division Championship days of Ricky Hill, Brian Stein and beyond. Oakes showed blistering pace, an eye for goal, and swept past eight Derby County players on a mazy 50-yard run. He then proceeded to rifle the ball past Rams' keeper Martin Taylor from outside the box. The headlines in the following morning's papers were testament to how good the goal was.

One man not so surprised was David Pleat. He nurtured the talents of a young Oakes when they were at Leicester together, before bringing him down the M1 two years ago. He has had to wait that long for Oakes to mature into a leading light at Kenilworth Road, but he has no doubting his talent.

"I have seen Scott score goals like that week in, week out for Leicester's youth team," said Mr Pleat after the goal had secured the 10-man Hatters all three points. "He is a very talented boy and a great prospect for Luton Town. It's funny really, but there were supporters behind me who were shouting to drag him off, just before he scored!"

High praise indeed from Pleat, but Oakes submits a more modest view. "I just kept going and going and, luckily, the ball bobbled up and I just hit it. It was one of those things really. Nevertheless, it was the best goal I have ever scored. I just hope I can hit a few more from now on."

Oakes should have more of a chance now that Paul Dickov has returned to Arsenal after his loan period at Kenilworth Road. He has grasped the chance to partner old hand Kerry Dixon up front after playing for much of the season out wide on the wing. "This is the start of a new opportunity for me and I intend to take it," he said. "Mr Pleat has stated that the front places are up for grabs at the moment,

and I have made a good start. Consistency is the key, and it helps when you are part of a winning side."

Following the Hatters' FA Cup visit to Newcastle United, they have gone eight games without defeat. Confidence, says Scott, plays a major part in an improved performance. "From the players to the supporters in the stands, wins bring confidence and give everyone connected with the club a lift. On a personal level, I have been able to enjoy myself, relax and try different things."

"Being involved in the England set-up has also aided my progression this season. I gained valuable experience last summer and came back a much better player."

With his dream goal shown time and again on television, the Premiership wolves are expected to start knocking at the door for his services. Oakes, however, is bound to the cause of helping the Hatters climb up the First Division, to mid-table respectability.

"We have a great team spirit at Luton and have managed to play our way out of trouble," he explained. "We have a bunch of exciting young players, mixed with experienced old pros. We always try and play the right way and that has helped the younger players develop individually."

"I have good feelings about the rest of the season and I am confident we can make big strides. Everyone knows that there is not much difference between teams at the top and bottom of Division One and we believe we can only get better."

*Scott Oakes*





# Goals galore after an indifferent start



BACK TRACKING BY ROGER WASH

**T**he Town started season 1987/88 without a win in the first five games and after a couple of seasons of success, this was seen as a major calamity, with some of us already checking the A.A. route to Second Division grounds.

Our third away trip of the campaign took us on the short journey to Oxford and a crowd of 6,804 basked in the September sunshine, blissfully unaware of the story about to unfold. Mike Newell was dropped in favour of Mick Harford but apart from that, manager Ray Harford kept faith with the same side that had failed to pick up a win bonus.

As it turned out, the Town ditched the 4-4-2 system in favour of the cavalier approach we had grown to love, even though it meant that defence was sometimes compromised in the search for goals.

With Ricky Hill turning on a five star display, it was a surprise that we had to wait until the 33rd minute for the opening goal, from the head of Brian Stein, and it was an even bigger shock when Neil Slatter equalised for the home side shortly before the interval. Justice was done, however, when full-back Tim Breacker surged forward leaving Oxford defenders, including a certain John Dreyer, in his wake. He hit a powerful shot past Peter Hucker to give the Town a deserved half-time lead.

From the second-half kick-off, Harford took the ball down the right and centered for the onrushing Emeka Nwajiobi to dive full length to power in a stunning header. Hill then became the fourth Town player to open his account for the season when he hammered home a shot from Nwajiobi. Harford then produced a delicate 25-yard lob to put the Town firmly in the driving seat.

Oxford scored a late consolation through Dean Saunders, but the Hatters' display kick-started their season and by the return in February, we were eighth in the league,

through to the quarter-finals of the FA Cup and the semi-finals of the Littlewoods Cup. The Simod Cup would come later!

The game started as the previous game had ended at the Manor, with the Town streaking into all-out attack and taking the lead in the sixth minute through Harford. Brian Stein increased the lead soon after before Saunders netted from the penalty spot.

The fun was nowhere near over as Darron McDonough volleyed home to make it 3-1, only for Martin Foyle to score a beauty to give the scoreline a rather flattering look about it.

The crowd of 8,063 loved it and if the first-half was breathless, then the second period was even better as Mark Stein scored a hat-trick in 11 minutes to put the result way beyond the reach of Oxford, even though they kept plugging away and eventually became the first visiting team to score four on the Kenilworth Road plastic. That the Town scored seven made it a memorable game and made up for all the odd goal defeats suffered at the hand of Oxford in the past.

As if to rub salt in the wounds, within a month we had beaten Oxford over two legs in the Littlewoods Cup semi-final and were on our way to Wembley. But that is another story.

## PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	9	4	0	5	21	16
Away	10	3	3	4	16	18
Total	19	7	3	9	37	34



Three goals in 11 minutes for Mark Stein.

## DOWN THE YEARS

**5** years ago - 4/2/89 - Goals from Mick Harford and Kingsley Black were not enough as Nottingham Forest won 3-2 at Kenilworth Road.

**10** years ago - 4/2/84 - A dull 0-0 draw at Aston Villa was watched by a crowd of 18,656.

**15** years ago - 3/2/78 - The Town slogged out a 0-0 draw in their first ever visit to the Abbey Stadium, Cambridge. A crowd of 8,125 saw us push up to 14th spot in Division Two.

**20** years ago - 2/2/74 - A last minute penalty tucked away by Jim Ryan secured a valuable 1-0 victory at Villa Park.

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT LUTON TOWN



What is the connection between Kenilworth Road, the Manor Ground, and Maine Road?

We know John Dreyer played for Oxford before joining the Town. Name a goalkeeper and another central defender who also played for both clubs.

Who is the Premiership striker who played for both Luton and Oxford?



For the full Match Report, read —

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## "I'd walk a million miles for one of your goals"

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? - BY ROGER WASH

**S**o went a popular song warbled by the Oak Road 'choir' in the late 1960's reserved for a folk hero and a personal favourite of mine, Keith Allen.

Born on the Isle of Wight, Keith had an early trial with Sheffield Wednesday due to the fact that the father of Roy Shiner, a famous Owls player of the early post-war period, lived in the same road in Ryde and recommended him to the Hillsborough side.

"I only played one Central League game for Wednesday before I was sent home and eventually signed for Portsmouth, my nearest League side," he said. Unfortunately, Pompey disbanded their reserve side and he was then transferred to Grimsby without having a say in the matter.

"When the reserve side was disbanded I was called in to see the manager, George Smith, who told me that he had fixed it for me to go to Grimsby in an exchange deal involving Trevor Porteous. Unfortunately, my manager, Tom Johnson was sacked soon after and my face did not seem to fit with the new man in charge, Jim McGuigan."

Despite all this, Keith did make his League debut on March 6, 1965 in a home game against Reading and scored the Mariners' goal in a 1-1 draw. He retained his place for a further five games that season but when he asked to return to Ryde on the death of his mother, permission was granted, but he was told to take his boots with him!

He added: "When I was home that summer Bert Trautmann, the Stockport County manager, sent a representative armed with a contract to take me to Edgeley Park, which turned out to be a good move. My time at Stockport was a fine education as there was a good mix of youth and experience at the club".

Players such as Len Allchurch, Eddie Stuart and ex-Luton centre-half Matt Woods formed the basis of a Stockport side that walked away with the Fourth Division title in 1967 but before Keith was able to collect his medal, he was transferred to

Kenilworth Road in exchange for Derek Kevan.

"The move to Luton was the best thing that could have happened to me as I was made welcome right from the start and I was lucky enough to take part in the revival of fortunes that set the Town buzzing again."

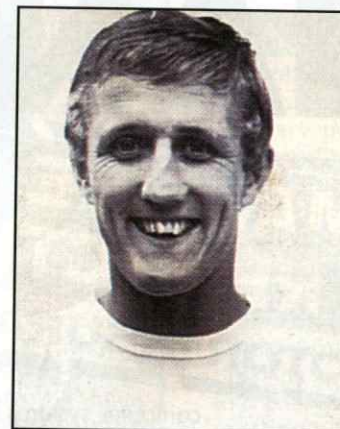
making his debut in the 4-0 home win over Exeter on 11th March 1967, Keith then remained virtually ever present for the next three seasons and saw the team rise from the depths of the Fourth Division to promotion to Division Two.

"I can honestly say that Luton are still my number one club and my memories of my time there will remain for ever," he stated. "The crowds, the big wins and the characters all appear as if it were yesterday. I still have many photographs reflecting the win over Crewe to clinch the Fourth Division Championship, the presentation of our medals and the wonderful nights at Kenilworth Road when crowds in excess of 20,000 used to cram in, making it a brilliant atmosphere. We seemed unbeatable at home in those days."

As Division Two dawned Keith was disappointed to learn that he was surplus to requirements as when the chance came to join Plymouth he took it.

"It was a good move family wise but not on the football side as I did not do myself full justice at Home Park". Now settled in the Plymouth area Keith works for a wholesale paper company, has played cricket for Plymstock for 18 years and has recently received an invitation to turn out for the Devon over-50's cricket side next season, now that he has reached his own personal half-century, on November 9th.

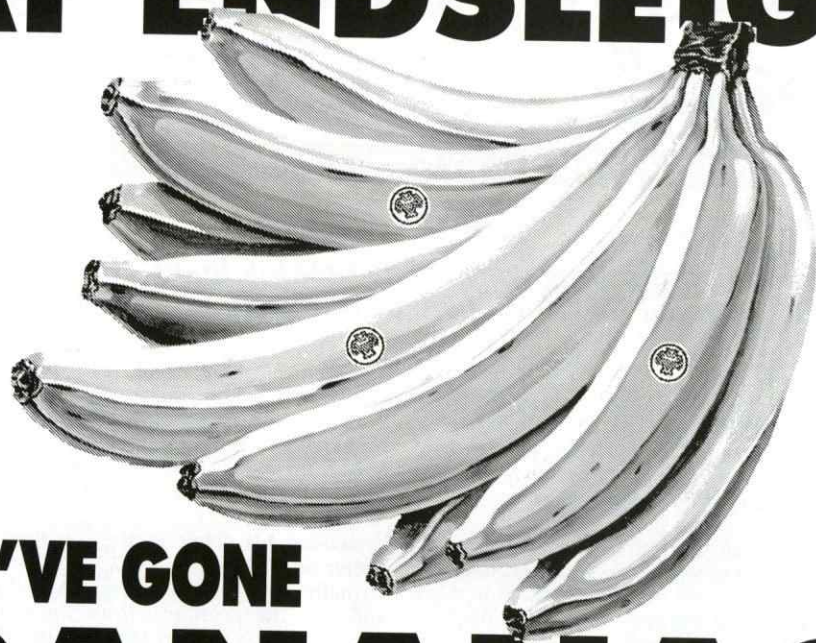
Warm regards are sent to all at Kenilworth Road and I am sure those feelings are reciprocated to a player who always gave 101 per cent and was absolutely amazing on ice!



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## Unbeaten run coincides with directors' appointment



### AROUND THE TOWN

#### WELCOME ABOARD

The appointment of Cliff Bassett and Chris Green to our board of directors has coincided with a spell which has seen the club remain unbeaten in eight matches. Now on a stable footing financially, we can look optimistically to the future, backed by a progressive, new-look board in which both Mr Bassett and Mr Green plan to play influential roles.

Both directors are familiar faces to Kenilworth Road, having supported the club financially in recent years. Mr Bassett, as many supporters will know, is chairman of our main sponsors Universal Salvage Auctions, while Mr Green's involvement stems back a little further.

"I have supported the Hatters since I was a kid when I used to watch from the terraces," he said. "My first financial association came in 1979 when I was involved with Tricentrol. We became the club's first shirt sponsors, an idea which was backed by the late Eric Morcambe."

"I am proud and privileged to now join the board," he added. "Cliff and myself want to ease the burden on Mr Kohler, secure the future of the players at the club and build for the future. We have the club at heart and we want to bring the fun back to Luton Town."



Cliff Bassett



Chris Green

#### CUP TIE SWITCHED

The Town's F.A. Cup fourth round replay with Newcastle United will now take place on Wednesday, February 9, Kick off 7.45pm. The game will be shown live on Sky Sports.

#### BEAM BACK A GREAT SUCCESS

Our FA Cup fourth round beam-back from St James' Park last Saturday proved a resounding success. The event was a sell-out, and the supporters who occupied the variety of suites and executive boxes inside Kenilworth Road will vouch for that.

#### HUGHES OUT FOR THREE

Following his sending-off against Derby County and having already passed 21 disciplinary points, Ceri Hughes was suspended for last Saturday's game at Newcastle. He will also miss today's game and our replay with Newcastle on Wednesday.

#### PEN PAL WANTED

We have received a letter from a 17-year-old African boy called Muteka who is a very keen supporter of Luton Town. His favourite players are Ceri Hughes, Scott Oakes and Trevor Peake, and he assures us that he is converting his pals to Hatters fans!

If you would like to correspond with Muteka, please write to: Muteka Ndlovu, A47 Mulikazi, PO Mulikazi, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

#### BOBBERS TRAVEL CLUB

Coaches for the trip to Leicester City will cost adults £6.00 and children/OAP's £5.00. Departure time from Cranfield is 10.30 am and 11.30 am from Luton, with the normal pick-up points en route.

Bookings can be made by popping into the Bobbers Club kiosk in Kenilworth Road before any Saturday first-team match; on the return journey from the previous away match; or by calling Paul Deason on (0234) 750996.



# Success on the pitch is mirrored by the activities off it

## COMMERCIAL FOCUS

**T**hey say that success breeds success and that has certainly been the case over the past three weeks.

Two weeks ago at the Derby County match, we had the infamous Mr Blobby who not only added colour to a successful team performance, but who stayed to entertain over 200 children later that evening at a special 'Blobby Party'.

Following on from that we decided to transmit the Newcastle FA Cup fourth round tie back to Kenilworth Road, for the first time. Everyone who came along were able to celebrate with the rest of the supporters who travelled up to St James' Park.

With the commercial success's off the field, it only adds to the success we are currently enjoying on the field.

For further information on any commercial activities at the club, please telephone (0582) 411622.



*Ian Stewart from the Luton Leader, our match sponsors for our game with Derby, is presented with a memento of the occasion by man-of-the-match Scott Oakes.*

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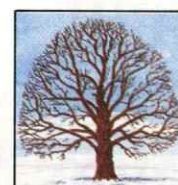


*Mr Blobby takes time out to meet young Hatters at our game against Derby County last month.*

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Aug 21	Portsmouth	0-1		4,085	-
Aug 24	Cambridge United (CCC/2)	0-1		12,248	16
Aug 28	Nottingham Forest	1-2		3,861	-
Aug 31	Watford (A/C)	0-1		9,788	22
Sept 7	Southern United (A/C)	1-1		2,854	-
Sept 11	Bolton Wanderers	0-2		1,823	-
Sept 14	Tranmere Rovers	1-4		7,199	24
Sept 18	Middlesbrough	0-0		5,871	23
Sept 25	Birmingham City	1-1		12,487	23
Oct 2	Barnsley	0-0		11,081	23
Oct 5	Derby County	5-0		6,201	21
Oct 9	Derby County	1-2		5,956	21
Oct 16	Notts County	1-0		15,885	24
Oct 20	Sunderland	0-2		6,366	21
Oct 23	Oxford United	0-0		13,780	23
Oct 30	Leicester City	1-0		5,161	19
Nov 2	Crystal Palace	0-2		8,813	21
Nov 7	Charlton Athletic	1-0		10,925	21
Nov 13	Southern United	1-2		5,567	18
Nov 27	Stoke City	6-2		7,384	16
Dec 4	Charlton Athletic	0-1		7,121	17
Dec 11	Tranmere Rovers	0-1		7,075	19
Dec 19	Watford	2-2		7,567	21
Dec 27	Peterborough United	0-0		9,522	20
Dec 29	Grimsby Town	2-1		7,234	18
Jan 1	West Bromwich Albion	1-1		16,138	19
Jan 15	Notts County	2-1		6,589	17
Jan 18	Southern United (FAC3)	1-0		7,953	-
Jan 22	Derby County	2-1		9,371	17
Jan 29	Newcastle United (FAC4)	1-1		32,216	-
Feb 5	Oxford United				
Feb 9	Newcastle United (FAC4R) 7.45 pm				
Feb 12	Leicester City				
Feb 15	Millwall 7.45 pm				
Feb 19	Bristol City				
Feb 22	Portsmouth 7.45 pm				
Feb 26	Sunderland				
Mar 5	Nottingham Forest				
Mar 12	Middlesbrough				
Mar 15	Bolton Wanderers 7.30 pm				
Mar 19	Birmingham City				
Mar 22	Wolverhampton Wanderers 7.45 pm				
Mar 26	Barnsley				
Mar 30	Millwall 7.45 pm				
Apr 2	Peterborough United				
Apr 4	Grimsby Town				
Apr 9	West Bromwich Albion				
Apr 16	Crystal Palace				
Apr 23	Wolverhampton Wanderers				

## This Weekend's Other Endsleigh Division One Action

Birmingham City v Peterborough United  
Bolton Wanderers v Watford  
Bristol City v Tranmere Rovers  
Crystal Palace v Grimsby Town  
Crystal Palace v Derby County  
Middlesbrough v Millwall  
Nottingham Forest v Leicester City  
Portsmouth v Notts County  
Southend United v Barnsley  
Stoke City v Wolves  
West Bromwich Albion v Sunderland

## THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

GERALD ASHBY  
(Worcester)

A finance manager, Gerald is married with one daughter. He commenced refereeing in the Worcester and District League in 1972 and progressed via the West Midlands Regional League to the League list in 1985. He lists his hobbies as gardening, DIY and the recruitment and training of referees.

## Endsleigh Insurance League Division One Table 1993-94

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Av. Att	Leading League Goalscorers
Crystal Palace	26	15	4	7	45	30	49	16,092
Charlton Athletic	27	14	6	7	35	25	48	Armstrong 14, Salako 6, Southgate 6
Millwall	27	13	8	6	37	28	47	Nelson 8, Leaburn 5
Leicester City	27	13	7	7	47	32	46	Rae 9, Goodman 4, Kennedy 4
Tranmere Rovers	28	13	6	9	39	31	45	Speedie 11, Thompson 7
Nottingham Forest	26	12	8	6	41	30	44	Aldridge 9, Brannan 7, Nevin 7
Derby County	27	13	3	11	43	41	42	Collymore 13, three on four goals
Wolverhampton W	27	10	12	5	41	27	42	Gabbiadini 11, Pembroke 8
Stoke City	27	12	6	9	37	39	42	Bull 13, Kelly 9
Southend United	28	12	4	12	44	39	40	Regis 6, Orlygsson 6, Curruthers 3
Bolton Wanderers	28	10	9	9	36	42	39	Otto 10, Angell 6
Bristol City	28	10	8	10	30	33	38	McGinlay 9, Thompson 5
Portsmouth	27	9	10	8	31	34	37	Allison 10, Baird 5
Sunderland	27	11	4	12	29	34	37	Durnin 6, Walsh 5
Notts County	27	11	3	13	38	47	36	Gray 8, Goodman 5
Middlesbrough	26	8	10	8	33	28	34	Draper 8, McSwegan 8, Lund 6
LUTON TOWN	26	9	5	12	32	34	32	Moore 8, Hendrie 7
Watford	28	8	7	13	42	54	31	Dixon 7, three on four goals
Grimsby Town	26	6	12	8	31	30	30	Furlong 13, Porter 7
Birmingham City	28	7	7	14	29	43	28	Mendonca 10, three on four goals
West Bromwich Albion	27	6	8	13	37	44	26	Peschisolido 8, Saville 5
Oxford United	28	6	8	14	32	50	26	Taylor 11, Hunt 10
Barnsley	27	6	7	14	31	45	25	Cusack 5, Magilton 5, two on four goals
Peterborough United	25	5	8	12	22	31	23	Redfern 9, Payton 4
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